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THE GIRL THEY LEFT BEHIND THEM.—The British Expeditionary Force is being steadily increased in numbers as more troops leave for the front. Photo shows the girl they all left behind them waving. (Copyright, By Air Mail).

## HOW TWO U-BOATS WERE SENT TO THEIR DOOM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES of the sinking of two German submarines in three days by the same French destroyer have now been released by the French Navy Ministry.

The official announcement discloses that the ship concerned was the destroyer "Sirocco" of 1,500 tons.

## 19 SOVIET SEAPLANES WRECKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The Helsinki correspondent of the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" reports that nineteen Soviet seaplanes at Baltiski, the Estonian port, were yesterday severely buffeted in a gale.

The planes arrived in the harbour under the recent Soviet-Estonian Pact granting naval and air bases in Estonia.

Sixteen of the machines were driven ashore and seriously damaged. — Havas.

## ARTILLERY FIRE

Paris, To-day.

The latest war communiqué states that the front is fairly quiet, with artillery fire at various points, and minor patrol activity. — Reuters.

WEATHER FORECAST: North winds, moderate.

The first U-boat met her doom when she was detected by a French seaplane co-operating with the patrol.

The plane warned patrol ships in the area and the "Sirocco" racing up at high speed dropped a series of depth charges in the spot indicated.

Suddenly, after a series of explosions, the submarine was seen coming slowly to the surface with a heavy list. The "Sirocco" raced up with a view to rescue of her crew, but the submarine suddenly turned turtle and sank.

## CAUGHT IN NIGHT

Two nights later, cruising through the darkness, the "Sirocco" caught a German U-boat on the surface completely unawares. The submarine dived when she was shelled from close range, but the destroyer then dropped a series of depth charges.

The submarine was seen to come shooting to the surface, roll over and disappear, leaving only a large oil patch to mark her end. — Havas.

## HITLER SEES ALL KEY MEN

Amsterdam, To-day.

Scores of key men from all branches of the Army, Navy and Air Force, attended Hitler's reception yesterday. A conference took place behind closed doors at the Chancellery. — Reuters.

## GERMANS HOLD TEN FINN SHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finnish freighter "Minerva", carrying timber to Amsterdam, has been seized in the Baltic by a German warship.

Germany is now holding 10 Finnish ships which were all bound for neutral countries. — Havas.

## MOBILISING CZECHS IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

All Czechs between the ages of 18 and 49 residing in France are being mobilised in the independent Czechoslovak army.

The army has its own officers but comes under the orders of the French Command.

The expenses are supported by the Czech national committee, to whom the Allies are granting loans and credits.

The committee constitutes a virtual provisional Czech Government, and is to hold a meeting in the near future in an unnamed French town. — Havas.

## SINKING OF ANOTHER TRAWLER

London, To-day.

Another trawler has been sunk in the Atlantic off the Scottish coast by U-boat gunfire.

Two other trawlers in the vicinity, picked up the crews, and put a tow-rope to the disabled vessel in an effort to get her to shore.

Before port was reached, however, the trawler heeled over and sank. — Reuters.

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## SIRDHANA SURVIVORS ARRIVE

Some of the passengers who arrived this morning on board a Dutch liner from Singapore had thrilling tales to tell of the sinking of the British India s.s. Sirdhana, which struck one of the mines guarding Singapore harbour on November 13. Several of the Sirdhana's passengers arrived two days ago, but the majority came on in the Dutch liner.

The explosion, passengers from the Sirdhana said, occurred shortly after breakfast, at about 10 a.m. Boats were promptly lowered and passengers scrambled into them.

There was very little panic and rescue launches were soon on the scene, picking up survivors from the lifeboats and from the water. By 10.30 a.m. the ship had gone to the bottom, leaving its masts still showing.

Due to the heavy list and the fact that the ship seemed about to go at any moment, passengers had no time to collect more than a few personal belongings.

Among the last to leave the ship were two young British children and their mother, Mrs. E. Leyden. Mrs. Leyden left Hong Kong shortly before war broke out. She lost practically everything in the disaster.

### CHILDREN IN WATER

As the captain and officers were leaving the ship, passengers said, they saw some children in the water. Two of the officers promptly went over the side and got them onto a raft, staying with them until rescue launches picked them up.

Casualties in the foundering of the Sirdhana numbered about 20 Asiatic passengers. But for the quick wit of a British police inspector, 137 Chinese deportees locked behind a grill in the forward hold might also have lost their lives; the police inspector blew the lock open with his gun and they scrambled to safety.

Yesterday, the Court found Captain Philip Fairbairn, master of the ship, guilty of wrongful default in failing to acquaint himself with the position of the minefield. His master's certificate has been suspended for one year, but he may act as Chief Officer during this period.

The Second Officer, Thomas Green, was censured for "contributory negligence."

### TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS

Passengers arriving in Hong Kong this morning spoke of the efficiency of Captain Fairbairn, his officers and ship's crew in handling passengers after the ship hit the mine.

The Dutch passenger liner brought the following passengers, nearly all of them British, from Singapore to-day:—

Mr. J. B. Rymer, Major J. M. Saegert, Mrs. A. P. F. Saegert, Master P. F. M. Saegert, Hazura Singh, Mrs. B. K. Singh, Master A. Singh, Pura Singh, Mrs. K. K. Singh, Miss G. K. Singh, Miss A. K. Singh, Master S. Singh, Miss C. Weller, Miss M. White, Mr. H. F. Williams, Mr. W. J. Yetton, Dr. W. M. Toome, Mr. C. W. Bath, Mr. C. T. Bailey, Mr. R. B. Coutts, Mr. C. W. O. Collins, Mr. J. M. W. Dawe, Mr. J. E. Hales, J. F. Haslam, Dr. C. V. Jackson, Mr. A. W. Lamb, Mr. P. N. Liddell, Mrs. B. D. Lea, Mr. W. R. J. Lowndes, Mrs. E. Leyden, Masters P. J. and G. D. Leyden, Mr. J. E. Norton, Mr. L. H. Dealway, Mr. G. T. Osborne, Mr. B. Paynter, Mr. W. N. Powell.

Mr. H. F. Williams is connected with the A.P.C. Messrs. Rymer, Collins, Norton, Dealway, Osborne, Powell, Bath, Hales, Lamb, Liddell and Paynter have been sent out from England to act as cargo surveyors.

## TWO KILLED IN YESTERDAY'S STORM

It is revealed that yesterday's gale claimed two victims.

At about 4.15 p.m., a wall of mud and stones collapsed and crashed on a matchless in Tung Tau Village, Kowloon City.

Two of the occupants were killed, and four, a man, a woman and two girls, were seriously injured.

## GALLANT RESCUES IN TYPHOON

THRILLING RESCUES WERE CARRIED OUT OFF STONECUTTERS DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE GALE YESTERDAY.

A small sampan overturned off the Island and P.C. 115, of the Naval Dockyard Police, showing complete contempt of the danger, swam out and saved a child who had been tied to the craft.

Two other occupants were saved by Piermaster Hawkett, R.N.A.D., and a Chinese boy who also swam out. The occupants, too, had tied themselves to the sampan, making rescue more difficult.

P.C. 115 was slightly injured. This is his third recent act of gallantry.

## KING'S SHOOTING HOLIDAY

London, To-day.

The King and Queen returned to London yesterday after a six days stay at Sandringham.

The King has spent most of his holiday shooting, and nearly every day the Queen joined the party for lunch on some part of the estate.

One morning the King was out at daybreak shooting wild duck, which abound on Wolferton Marshes.

The King and Queen were shown the efforts being made to increase the wartime agricultural production of Sandringham Estate.—British Wire- less.

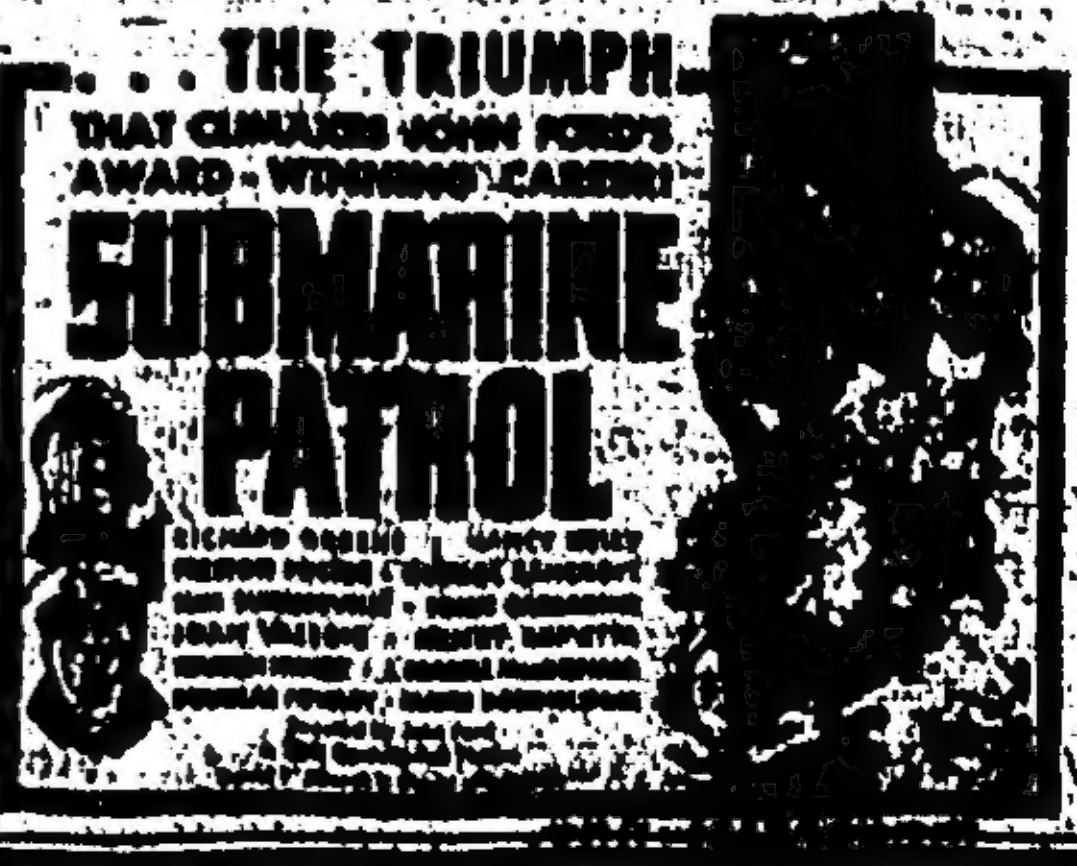
## 4 BRITISH SOLDIERS DETAINED

Shanghai, To-day.

It was learned last night that four British soldiers were arrested and detained by the Japanese on Wednesday night. They have not yet been released, but negotiations are proceeding between the Japanese and the British military authorities. — Our Own Correspondent.

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Sandhurst and Woolwich will disappear as they were known to the country and will be used to train as officers men whose ability has been revealed by service in the ranks.

The Army authorities have taken to heart one of the lessons of the last war, that a man could not be an active commander if he was above a certain age.

"Colonel Dugout" is not being recalled this time. As one highly-placed officer put it: "We want leaders who are active-minded. We are determined that our fighting troops will be commanded by the young, and we mean to get the ages down and down. After all, in the last war some of our best battalion commanders were youngsters of about twenty-four."

## HAS HE INITIATIVE?

A War Office statement says:— In the last war, commissions from the ranks were given on a large scale from 1917 onwards. Commanding officers picked good men, sent them home to be trained in cadet battalions. But the "rookie" of 1914-15-16 entered the Army with very little hope of eventually commanding a platoon. To-day all that is changed.

What qualifications therefore will the commanding officer of 1939 be looking for in the men he must eventually select for commissions? The answer may be summed up in three words—"Ability to lead."

Education—that is to say whether a man has a university degree or failed to pass School Certificate—will not matter.

What will matter is how he has done his job while in the ranks. Is he a good mixer; can he talk with sergeant-majors yet not lose the common touch? Can he obey orders intelligently as well as give them? Has he the initiative to act on his own if left suddenly in sole command of his section or platoon?

Those are the things a C.O. will want to know. He won't care if the man he has in mind was at Eton or Wapping-under-Strand elementary.

If any youngster has a desire for achievement, that inner grim determination to rise to greater heights of responsibility, then to-day he has his chance as he never had it in the whole history of the British Army.

## ACCIDENTS IN THE TYPHOON

SEVERAL ACCIDENTS, OCCURRING DURING THE GALE EXPERIENCED YESTERDAY, WERE REPORTED TO THE POLICE LAST NIGHT.

At 3 p.m., a winch fell on Chan Kwok, on board one of the warships in harbour. He was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with a scalp wound.

Cargo junk No. 2769, owned by Chan Sam, capsized off Matakok Wharf at 12 noon. The crew were rescued. The loss was estimated to be \$1,500.

Mr. V. H. W. Chittenden, of the Harbour Department, reported the capsizing of Government Junk No. 11, near the Yaumati Slipway. The crew was rescued.

A match in Un Chau Street, Shamshuipo, collapsed at 4.15 p.m. one occupant was injured and admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

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# BIG DAY FOR R.A.F.

## Seven German Bombers Shot Down On Saar Front

### SPECTACULAR SUCCESS WITHOUT SINGLE LOSS

London, To-day.

AT LEAST 15 GERMAN aircraft have been shot down by the Allied air forces on the western front in the last two days.

Following the Allied successes on Wednesday (when the French air force claimed six Nazi planes and the R.A.F. two), seven British pilots yesterday claimed seven Nazi victims in new aerial battles on the western front.

This is according to a despatch from Reuter's correspondent with the R.A.F. in France.

R.A.F. headquarters in France, adds the correspondent, confirm that four twin-engined Dornier monoplane bombers were shot down north-east of Vouziers, near Chalon-sur-Marne.

Another enemy bomber was downed near Saint-Avold, and yet another near Thionville.

#### NO. BRITISH LOSSES

Another R.A.F. success, which is awaiting confirmation, is a German plane which is believed to have crashed behind the German lines.

All our planes returned to their base.—Reuter.

#### GERMAN CLAIM

London, To-day.

Despite the British official announcement that in yesterday's engagements, in which R.A.F. fighters shot down seven German planes, no British losses occurred, a German communiqué declares that five British planes were shot down and that another crashed near Saarbrücken.—Reuter.

#### KING AND QUEEN RETURN TO LONDON

London, To-day.

The King and Queen returned to London yesterday after spending three days at Sandringham.—Reuter.

### NEW ORDERS FOR WAR

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Supply announces that during the week ended Nov. 14 the amount in Sterling of new orders placed was £8,615,000, and that, including firms dealing with clothing equipment and stores, 187 firms became new contractors to the Department.

It is pointed out that in the endeavour to find new capacity over 420 firms became new contractors to the Department in the period of a fortnight, thus illustrating the gradual and ordered growth of the scope of the Ministry's purchases.—British Wireless.

### HIGHER PAY IN ULSTER

London, To-day.

News of a further advance in labour conditions resulting from peaceful joint negotiation comes from Ulster, where another 20,000 linen workers are to receive an increase of wages amounting to four shillings a week for men and two shillings for women.

A few days ago these Ulster workers entered the scheme of holidays with pay which comes into operation next year.—British Wireless.

Mr. J. Stewart, of No. 279, Prince Edward Road, has reported the theft of a camera, valued at \$45.

## GERMAN PLANES PLANTING MAGNETIC MINES IN NORTH SEA AND THAMES ESTUARY

London, To-day.

IT WAS REVEALED yesterday that German planes which have flown low over the East Coast and the Thames Estuary in the last few days have been sowing magnetic type mines.

The planes which flew over the Thames Estuary on Wednesday night's air raid also dropped mines by parachute.

This new technique may explain some of the recent comparatively heavy shipping sinking list.

Observers report seeing objects drop from the planes to the sea, and in one case an enemy seaplane was seen to alight on the sea.

It is possible the plane was either sowing mines or trying to work in conjunction with a U-boat.

It is known that Germany possesses flying-boats equipped for carrying a light type of mine containing a very high type of explosive.

#### IN THAMES ESTUARY

It is stated that one mine was seen floating in the Thames Estuary and was exploded by rifle-fire.

It is stated in London that British experts were not backward in anticipating that such weapons would be devised, and are in the act of devising means to combat the new method of frightfulness.—Reuter.

#### SHOT DOWN AFTER MINING

London, To-day.

The German aeroplane which was brought down in the sea near the Thames Estuary during the first attempted night raid on London is believed to have dropped mines by parachute.

Two aeroplanes appeared over the Estuary; one was shot down by A.A. fire and the other was driven out to sea by the R.A.F.

A Press Association naval correspondent says that the movement of German planes over the North Sea during the last few days suggests

### DOCTOR WEDS AFTER CHARGE

The marriage of a doctor and a woman against whom he is alleged to have conspired to commit an offence was revealed at Birmingham.

Dr. Benjamin Ling, twenty-six, of Dudley Park-road, Acocks Green, was remanded until November 3 on a charge of conspiring with Nurse Doris Jackson, thirty-seven, of the same address, to procure an abortion of Elizabeth Potter-Alexander.

#### ENGAGED TO HER

Mr. Howard Baker, defending, said the doctor came to Birmingham from Glasgow fourteen months ago and had been in practice in the city.

"I think it ought to be known," Mr. Howard Baker said, "that Elizabeth Potter-Alexander is now the doctor's wife. He was engaged to be married to her at the time of the alleged offence.

Both accused were granted bail with sureties of £10 and personal sureties of £20.

that they may have been used to drop mines by parachute.

Germany has flying-boats equipped for this type of work, the mines being of a lighter type than those carried by U-boats or minelayers.—Reuter.

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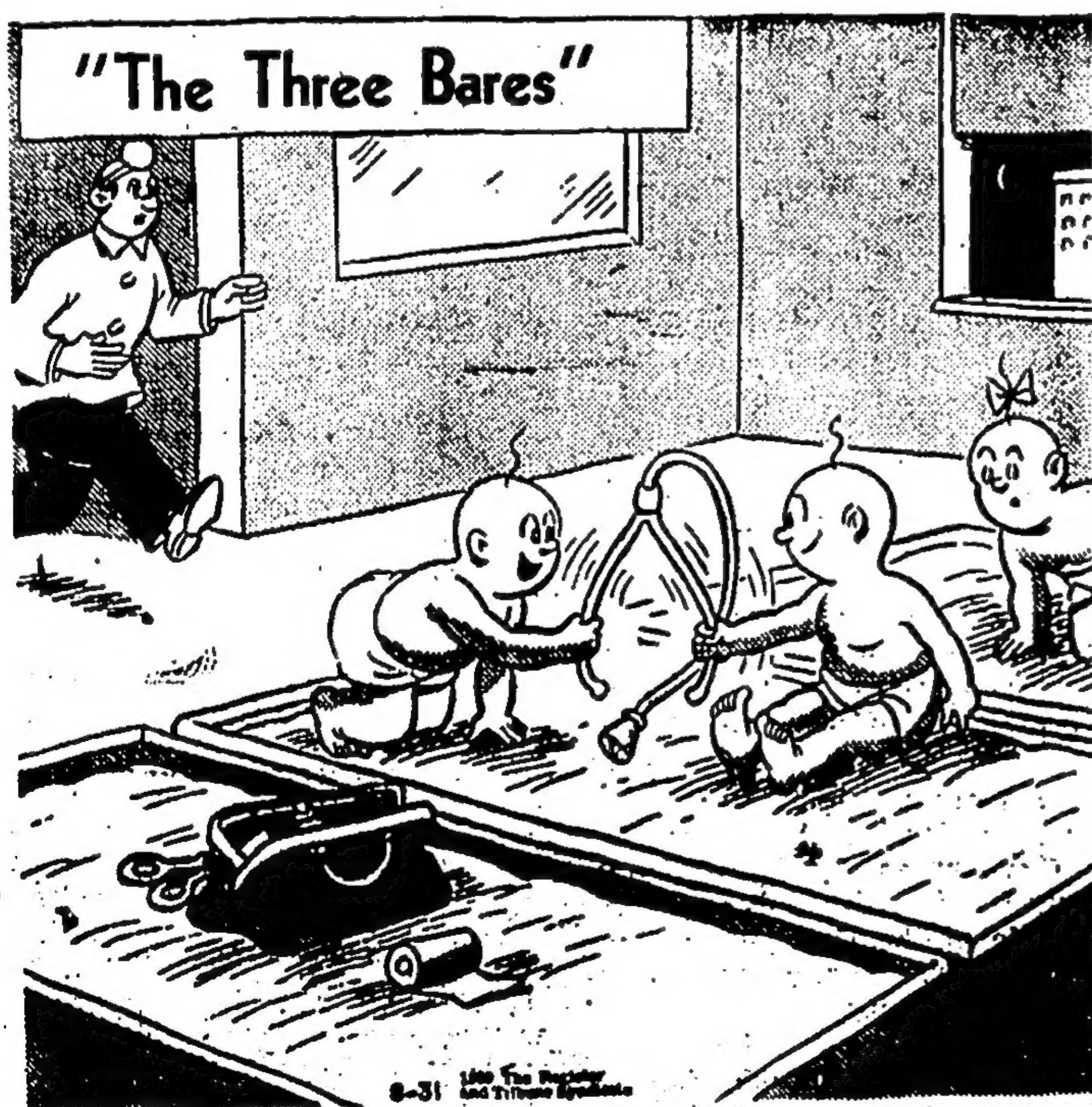
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# MORE SHIPS LOST

*British Warship Rescues "Geraldus" Crew*

## TYPHOON NOW 200 MILES EAST

THE TYPHOON IS NOW SITUATED ABOUT 200 MILES TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG AND IS MOVING EAST.

Another depression appears to be forming about 500 miles to the south-east of Manila.

One effect of yesterday's blow was to bring the temperature down sharply from a maximum during the day of 70 degrees to as low as 68 degrees during the night.

This morning's thermometer reading was 70 degrees.

Rainfall in the last 24 hours totalled 3.23 inches, which brings the total for the year to 2.94 inches above average.

A moderate anticyclone covers China, and a ridge of high pressure extends from it to the Sea of Japan.

A depression is moving eastward between Japan and the Bonins.

## JAP. TRADE WITH SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

Well-informed quarters here state that negotiations between Soviet Russia and Japan for the conclusion of a trade treaty are starting at the end of December.

The Japanese, it is stated, have now withdrawn objections to the Soviet desire that the negotiations should be carried on in Moscow.

It is stressed that the agreement, if signed, will be the first Soviet-Japanese trade treaty. — Havas.

## NAZI STEP IN WASHINGTON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The staff of the German Embassy in Washington has been considerably increased by the opening of offices for an Air Attache and a Naval Attache.

The first German Naval Attache is Hellmuth Raebler, who was formerly the New York representative of the Zeppelin Airship Company. — Havas.

## TENSION RELAXES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Indicating further relaxation of the tension occasioned by the recent menace of Nazi invasion, the special guard placed at the beginning of the month outside public buildings has been withdrawn.

A detachment of special State Police, summoned to The Hague on Nov. 10, have been sent back to barracks. — Havas.

## YULIN AREA IN SIX INCHES OF SNOW

Chungking, To-day.

It is snowing heavily around Yulin in north Shensi, according to reports received here from the north yesterday.

Yulin, it is added, is in 6 inches of snow. — Our Own Correspondent.

## THREE BRITISH CRAFT GO TO BOTTOM

London, To-day.

TWO MORE BRITISH SHIPS have been lost. The first is the Hull steamer *Geraldus*, 2,500 tons, whose crew of 26 are safe and have been landed from a British warship. She sank on Wednesday night.

The other is the trawler *Sulby*, 300 tons, which was sunk by a U-boat off the Scottish Coast. Seven of her crew of 12 have been rescued, but five others, including the skipper, are missing. They may, of course, have been picked up by another ship.

Allied successes in the 24 hours up to 4 p.m. yesterday included 8 Nazi planes shot down; R.A.F. flights over Germany; and the sinking of two U-boats by a French warship.

Allied losses include 2 merchantmen, H.M.S. *Gipsy* (destroyer), a French trawler, an R.A.F. plane damaged in a German raid on the Shetlands (no loss of life), and a French plane shot down in fighting. Neutral losses include the Greek ship *Elena*, 4,600 tons, sunk by a German mine.

One of the eight Nazi planes shot down on Wednesday was brought down by anti-aircraft fire in the sea off the Essex Coast, not far from London. This is the first time our coastal defence batteries have brought down a plane at night.

Two Nazi planes approached the coast and air-raid warnings were sounded.

### ROCKED LIKE CORKS

Searchlights flickered up into the sky and found, and held, the enemy planes, which, in the words of one observer, were rocking "like corks" as the a.a. shells burst around them. One plane tried to put out the searchlights by firing down the beam, but did not succeed. One plane was shot down, the other was driven off.

Yesterday, the Air Ministry refuted German claims that their planes had cruised unmolested over London. Only one German plane has got over London and that was shot down by the R.A.F. and its crew imprisoned.

An R.A.F. fighter attacked a Heinkel bomber flying four miles above France, it was revealed yesterday.

The pilot had to use his oxygen cylinder, but shot the Nazi machine down in three minutes, the plane crashing into the sea off the French coast near Boulogne. — Reuter.

### DETAILS OF SINKINGS

London, To-day.

Three more British craft, totalling 4,132 tons, have been sunk by enemy action.

The largest of the victims, the Hull steamer *Geraldus* (2,494 tons) was sunk off the East Coast, but the whole crew of 26 were picked up by a British warship.

The 1,351-ton vessel *Darino* was sunk on Nov. 19, and it is feared that 16 of the crew were either killed or drowned.

Eleven others were landed at an East Coast town after spending three days in the U-boat which sank them before being transferred to an Italian ship.

The third steamer, the *Fleetwood* trawler *Sulby* (287 tons) was sunk off the Scottish coast.

Seven of the crew of 12 were rescued. The remainder are missing but may have been picked up by a steamer. — Reuter.

## NEUTRAL COMMENT ON BRITAIN'S REPRISAL PROPOSALS

London, To-day.

THE COMMENTS of the press of neutral countries most effected by extension of the Allied Contraband control to German exports show a comprehensible apprehension of the effects on their carrying trade, but in most cases an equal appreciation of the necessity to take reprisals against German violations of international law. The "Svenska Dagbladet" draws an interesting parallel with the last war, in which it says: "No one can challenge the judgment of history that the German Empire torpedoed itself with the unrestricted submarine war."

The Copenhagen newspaper sadly reflects on the jettisoning of the last remnants of the Hague Convention, revealed in reports of the German action in laying mines on trade routes near the British coasts.

In Holland, the "Haagsche" says that while the British reprisals are bad news for neutrals, they are not surprising.

"Vaderland" sees the reprisals as completely disorganising Dutch shipping, but adds they will also be a hard blow to Germany.

### ACTION CRITICISED

Other Dutch newspapers criticise the Allied decision as being outside generally accepted international law.

The critical tone taken in a number of Dutch newspapers is taken in London as reflecting the views of the Dutch Government, and authoritative comment here expressed surprise at the attitude of the Dutch Government and the fact that while protests are made against the extension of contraband control to German exports, the Dutch Government apparently remains silent in the face of German measures calculated to inflict far greater damage to neutral shipping and aimed against neutral vessels regardless of the destination or origin of cargo, whereas the Allied move is confined to cargoes of German origin, the control of which will be subject to the ordinary procedure of contraband control, including reference to prize court and right of appeal to the Privy Council.

### REALIST ATTITUDE

An article in the Portuguese newspaper "Voz" displays a more realist

## VOLUNTEER CAMPS

It is announced in connection with the Volunteer Training Camps that in view of the recent typhoon, those units of the H.K.V.D.C. who were to have gone into camp at D'Agallur today will now be required to go to-morrow morning instead. They will report to Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m.

The units concerned are the First Battery and No. 6 A.A. Company.

Arrangements for the camp at Pakshawan are not altered.

## QUAKES IN TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

Intermittent earthquakes have been rocking certain parts of Anatolia for the past 24 hours.

Eighteen have been killed and many wounded, and communications disrupted. — Havas.

## WOMAN MURDERED

A gruesome discovery, of the body of a Chinese woman with throat cut and several wounds on the head, was made by a farmer on the Sung Wong Temple, hillside, near the Dogs' Home in Kowloon City yesterday.

The Police were informed and on arrival found patches of blood all over the area. A blood-stained belt was found some 10 feet away.

## DANISH MISSION ARRIVES IN LONDON

London, To-day.

A Danish mission led by Prince Axel of Denmark arrived in London yesterday afternoon.

Discussions will be opened to-day for the purpose of examining questions of Anglo-Danish trade in present circumstances. — British Wireless.



# DRAMATIC ESCAPE OF THE "ARK ROYAL": DISCLOSURE OF WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

New York, To-day.

THE "REAL STORY" of the escape of Britain's newest aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Ark Royal, when a 500-lb. bomb from a German plane exploded near the ship on September 26, was told to the Overseas Press Club here yesterday by Sir Derwent Hall-Caine, a former Member of the House of Commons.

Sir Derwent said Ark Royal heeled over until one side of the flying-deck was awash, but miraculously returned to an even keel.

The speaker based his version of the bombing on information which, he said, he had received from an unnamed officer of the Ark Royal.

He quoted this officer as saying that the aircraft-carrier was steaming with four other warships escorting a disabled submarine to port, when six Heinkel bombers attacked them.

## ALL AROUND

The officer said: "The planes dropped bombs all around us but they all fell wide and our anti-aircraft fire got too hot for them, so they turned and went back."

"Then I saw one of the enemy machines turn again towards the stern of the ship."

"When just over the deck the pilot dropped a 500-lb. bomb in the water only a few feet from the ship."

"The ship heeled over and the port side of the flying-deck went awash."

## MIRACLE HAPPENED

"Then the miracle happened and Ark Royal righted herself and returned to an even keel."

The German airman, when he saw Ark Royal go over, apparently thought he had sunk the aircraft-carrier.—Reuter.

## N.Z. TROOPS READY

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, referring in the Commons yesterday to the reported despatch of the first echelon of the New Zealand military forces for service overseas, when transport is available, said steps were being taken to call up the personnel of a second body.

"I am sure I shall be voicing the sentiments of all members of the House in saying how much we appreciate this further proof of the determination of New Zealand to do all in her power to bring to a successful issue the cause in which we are all engaged."—British Wireless.

## HITLER WITH GENERALS

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

HITLER YESTERDAY GAVE HIS ANNUAL RECEPTION TO THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 120 SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT HITLER OUTLINED THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS BY WHICH GERMANY IS TO CONDUCT THE WAR.—REUTER.

## BREACH OF PLEDGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Naval circles, who justify the Allied reprisals by international law, point out that Germany, through signing the London Naval Treaty of August 22, 1930, pledged herself never to sink merchantmen unless the safety of the passengers and crew had first been secured.

The Reich also signed the Hague Convention of October 1, 1907, in which it is stipulated that all mines must be manufactured so as to become harmless one hour after breaking loose from their moorings.

Germany is in breach of both pledges.—Havas.

## 2 DIVORCES FROM HIM

The American wife of an Englishman has obtained her second decree of divorce against her husband.

Before Mr. Justice Hodson, in the Divorce Court, Mrs. Muried King Gardner petitioned for a divorce from Mr. Alfred Thomas Goldie Gardner on the ground of his alleged adultery. The suit was not contested and a decree nisi, with costs, were granted.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were married at Daytona, U.S.A., in March, 1936, and afterwards lived at Godstone, in Surrey. There are no children.

Mrs. Gardner's case was that soon after the marriage her husband's attitude changed, and in August, 1936, she left him and returned to America.

In 1937 she took divorce proceedings in America, and secured a decree on the ground of cruelty.

She now alleged that Mr. Gardner had stayed with a woman at a London hotel in July, 1938.

"The question I have to consider," said the Judge, "is whether Mrs. Gardner is in a position to complain if a man she has divorced subsequently commits adultery."

## NO CONNIVANCE BY WIFE

He did not think it would be right to find that Mrs. Gardner had been guilty of connivance.

But it would seem almost impossible to hold that a petitioner acting as Mrs. Gardner had done was not conducting, by her conduct, to the actions of the other spouse.

The difference between conduct conducting and connivance was that in the case of conduct conducting, he (the Judge) could exercise discretion in favour of the petitioner, whereas if he found connivance, he could not do so.

He therefore exercised his discretion in the wife's favour.

## VILLAGE OVERRUN BY DOGS

Sanitary Inspector T. H. W. King, of No. 16, Austin Road, was cautioned by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for allowing his dog abroad without a muzzle or a lead on October 28.

Mr. King, pleading not guilty, stated that the dog was on a short lead.

Inspector Wright said the dog bit a European child on the path near the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

A number of villagers at Shek Ki Mei Village were summoned for keeping dogs without a licence.

Sergeant Kelly said the summonses were issued following complaints by the Sanitary Department that the village was overrun by dogs.

All the villagers were warned that a licence must be taken out if they desired to keep a dog.

## HONG KONG CASES

Mr. Gattinger, of No. 7, Village Road, was summoned before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for allowing his dog abroad without a muzzle. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

F. Miles, of Mount Austin Barracks, was fined \$7 for a similar offence.

Defendant said that his dog escaped when he opened the door for a friend.

Mr. Benn, of No. 1, Babbington Path was fined \$10.

Mrs. M. M. Roza, of No. 15, Gap Road, was fined \$3.

Major J. E. Swyer, R.A.S.C., residing at No. 519, The Peak, summoned for the same offence, pleaded not guilty, declaring that his dog was not on the public thoroughfare.

The summons was adjourned.

## GEN. ORBAY IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

General Orbay, leader of the Turkish military mission, arrived here from London on Wednesday night. He was met by the Turkish Ambassador and had interviews with high French officers.

He will remain in Paris for a few days.—Reuter.

## EXCITING TIME FOR JUNK'S CREW

A FIGHT BETWEEN pirates and Chinese soldiers in which one of the pirates was shot and killed, occurred on Wednesday in Chinese territory, according to a report by the master of the pirated junk.

Wong Loy-fat, 22, the master, told the police that at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, four men armed with revolvers boarded his boat off Fo Lo Pun. They forced him, his brother and cousin into one of the holds and then sailed away.

On Wednesday morning, they were awakened by gunfire. Bullets penetrated the side of the junk and his brother was wounded in the shoulder and his cousin in the hand.

Firing ceased, and the junk grounded in the afternoon near Sam Ah, in Chinese territory, where the pirates left the boat. He and his relatives managed to force open the hatch and found the junk deserted.

In one of the other holds, the body

of a pirate was found lying. He had apparently been shot during the engagement in the morning.

## TAKES OFFENSIVE

Wong then made sail for Lai Chi Wu, in British Territory, near Shataukok, and, accompanied by four armed villagers, returned to the spot where the three other pirates went ashore.

They came upon two of the men, who refused to surrender and ran towards the shore. The villagers fired on them. One of them dived into the water and was not seen again. The other was wounded and arrested.

The junk master said the pirates were probably challenged by Chinese soldiers in the morning and, on refusing to stop, were fired on.

## TATARESCU TO FORM A CABINET

Bucharest, To-day.

M. George Tatarescu, a former Premier, has formed a new Rumanian Government after the resignation of the former Cabinet following the unsuccessful trade negotiations with Germany.

M. Tatarescu is a Liberal.—Reuter.

## BUYING STOCKINGS IS TREASON

"A woman who asks for four pairs of stockings is neither stupid nor impudent; she is committing high treason!"

Thus the Neueste Nachrichten, of Leipzig, condemns a German woman who has demanded four pairs of stockings at the Clothing Office of that city.

"Unfortunately," the paper confesses, "there are many women showing this extreme egotism."

Every German who wants clothing or those must get the permit of the Clothing Department before he can buy. This is not so easy.

"A worker's wife appears before the Clothing Department," reveals the Neueste Nachrichten. "She asks the permission to buy an overcoat."

## "TAKE A WOOLLEN JUMPER"

"You have no overcoat?" asks the official.

"Only a very light one. But I have brought a medical certificate. I am sick and need a warm one."

She gets permission.

The next woman is not so lucky. She too, wants a coat. "I have only very light clothes," she pleads.

"Well, we shall give you a permit to buy a woollen jumper. That will do," the official tells her.

Thousands of people apply daily to the office. But only a small part receive their "buying permit," concludes the paper with uncommon frankness.

## KWEILIN TO BECOME MUNICIPALITY

Kweilin, To-day.

Kweilin, capital of Kwangsi, will be turned into a municipality on January 1, it is reliably learned.—Central News.





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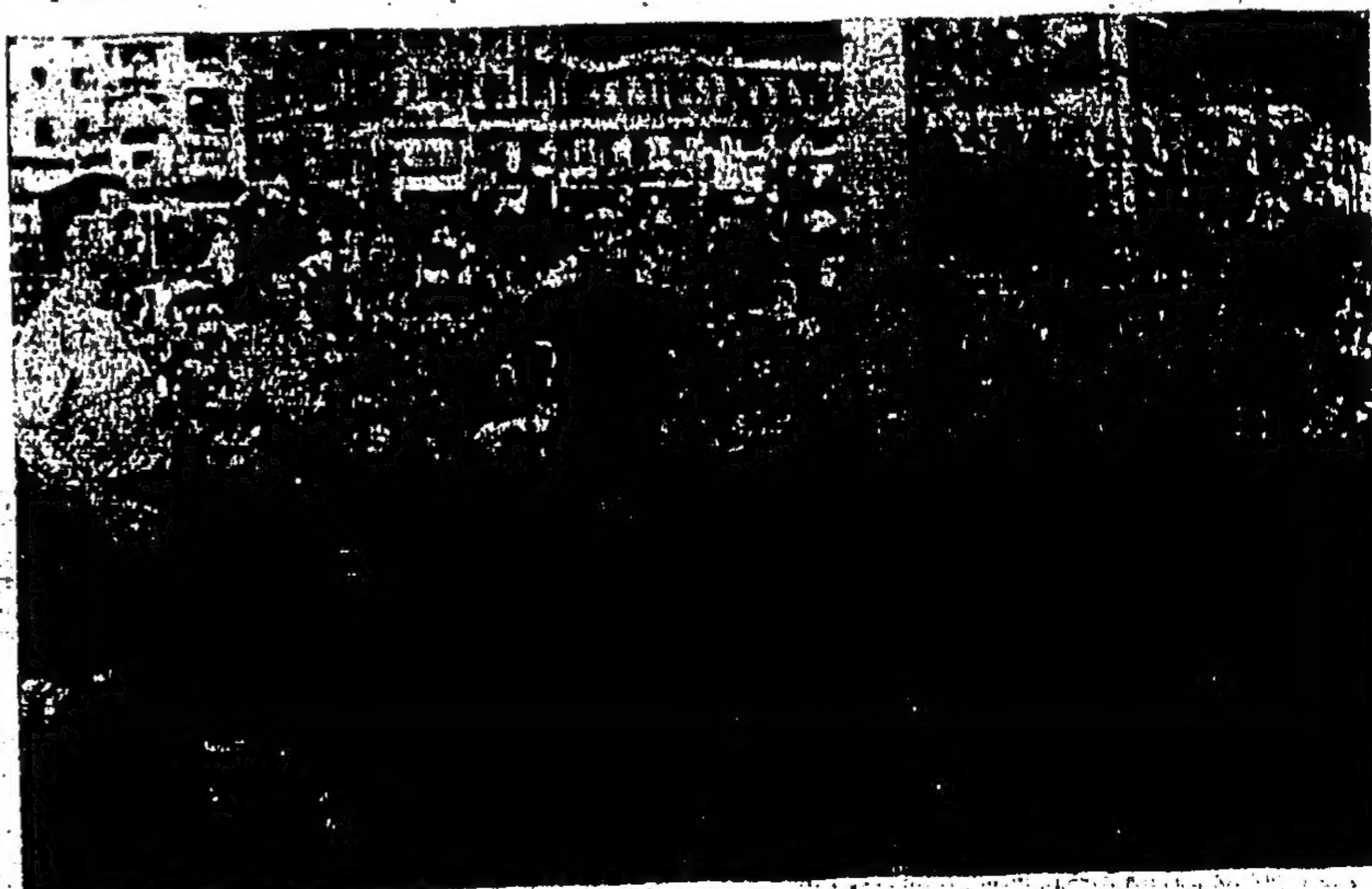
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Mr. and Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks after their wedding at Rosary Church on Wednesday. The bride was formerly Miss. Helene Caudron.



Two charming young ladies at the D.G.S. bazaar and fancy dress parade last Saturday.



The Federation's second goal in the Governor's Cup game on Sunday. Robinson had left his goal and Lee Wai-tong lobbed the ball over his head.



# NETHERLANDS PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH ACTION: BOOMERANG IN "THREAT"

The Hague, To-day.

**THE NETHERLANDS Government has made representations to the British Government against the British trade reprisals planned in retaliation to the German mine campaign.**

The proposed measures, the Netherlands considers, are particularly harmful to neutrals, whether as receivers or transporters of German goods.

**The reprisals are especially obnoxious to the Netherlands because they are stated to have been inspired by the recent shipping disasters, of which the sinking of the Simon Bolivar was by far the most important.**

In London yesterday, Reuter learned from an authoritative source that the contraband service is working with all possible speed.

The British Government is quite as anxious as neutrals to avoid delays, and although the machinery is working quite smoothly it could be accelerated if shippers would help by taking elementary precautions, such as ensuring that manifests arrive before the cargoes.

The same source points out that Britain must, of course, insist on her belligerent rights and take all measures to ensure that goods shall not reach Germany.

## WORKS BOTH WAYS

Regarding the statement that the Netherlands may consider stopping exports to this country, it is stated that this will probably hurt the Netherlands more than Great Bri-

tain.

If Netherlands supplies to this country are stopped, measures would be taken to obtain goods from other sources.—Reuter.

## SHIPPING MUST GO ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Representatives of the National Association of Dutch Shipowners met at The Hague yesterday.

The "Telegraaf" reports that the meeting decided that Dutch shipping activity, which is vital for the country, must go on, but precautionary measures must be taken prior to sailings. It is deemed advisable to suspend sailings for some time of certain lines with fixed sailings.

The Holland-Amerika Lijn is deciding to-day if the luxury liner Statendam (28,291 tons)

## NOW YOU TELL ONE

London, To-day. The latest Nazi "tall story" is that the Gestapo has been communicating with the British Secret Service for the past three weeks through secret radio transmitters supplied to the Gestapo by British agents.

The Gestapo, says the story, had the British code without the British knowing it. But—and here's the rub of the story—the Gestapo got tired of the communications and broke them off on Wednesday!—Reuter.

will sail to-morrow for New York as scheduled.

Alternative routes into the Atlantic were discussed but it was finally decided to continue to use the Channel and Downs route.—Havas.

Mr. J. Harrop, managing director of James H. Backhouse Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Harrop, arrived back in the Colony to-day from leave. Mr. H. A. Argus and Mr. J. Hickman were also arrivals to-day.

## HOLLAND'S PROTEST

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SIR ALEXANDER CADOGAN, PERMANENT UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, YESTERDAY RECEIVED THE NETHERLAND MINISTER AND WAS HANDED HOLLAND'S FORMAL NOTE ON THE BRITISH TWO-WAY BLOCKADE PROPOSALS.

The Minister also gave verbally a detailed explanation of the Dutch attitude.

It is reported in London that Belgium, which has drawn up a protest in terms similar to that of the Netherlands, will present a Note to the French Government.—Reuter.

## U.S. NOT DISTURBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Political quarters are of opinion that the decision of the Allies to control Germany's outward trade is not likely to have an important effect upon the United States, whose trade with Germany is extremely small.

German exports to the United States in September totalled about U.S.\$2,000,000, and the neutrality legislation has further curtailed it.—Havas.

## BATAVIA TURNS BACK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

As a result of the order by the Dutch Government requiring steamship companies temporarily to suspend their services, the s.s. Batavia, which left Rotterdam for London yesterday morning, turned round in mid-Channel and returned to Holland.—Havas.

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An equally desirable type of Mind is the one that prefers truth to flap-doodle.

This Truthful Mind nourishes itself, not on wishful thinking, but on facts. It knows that "things are what they are"—particularly in wartime. It knows that in war we cannot turn ugly losses into trifling mishaps by paying compliments to the daring and skill of German U-boats, or by announcing, in old rule - Britannia tones, that the British Army is ready to die in a nobly traditional manner.

We don't want the British Army to die in a nobly it to be so well led that it will survive and win.

We want skill and daring on the enemy side to be countered by daring and skill on ours. We want fewer sentimental speeches and headlines minimising losses. We want to hear that our skill and daring are well marshalled so as to strike back.

Not (as of old) in huge wasteful offensives on the Western Front, but in hampering German concentrations—by bombs. For sermonising leaflets do not hamper Nazi advances.

The Nazis prepare their onslaught on the West. What do we do to forestall their preparations?

They raid our fleet. Their raid is at least as successful as was ours.

They torpedo a big battleship in the recesses of Scapa Flow. A daring exploit! We once performed one at Zeebrugge. It would hearten us to hear that we have not lost the power of riposte, of hitting back, of attacking unexpectedly.

Passivity does not hearten; nor does the skilful but essentially defensive war on U-boats convince us that we can face a three-or-more-years' war by leaving all initiative to the enemy. —"Daily Mirror."

### BOGGED DOWN

Japan is so thoroughly bogged down with the war in China that desperate procedure will be adopted if no better way out is found. Copying Germany's use of the Russian club, or probably the Russian weapon, is a possibility as a desperate way out. Most assuredly that will backfire seriously for Japan but at the same time it can multiply and intensify the troubles for the rest of the major powers of the world. When Tokyo gestures toward a tie-up with Russia, Far Eastern peace and order are threatened for a period of inestimable length.

Theoretically China should be the first to realise this fact—or rather China should be next after Japan in appraising the consequences. However, China also is in a trying position as a consequence of the Japanese invasion and also might feel forced to play a little of the Russian game. China's immediate enemy is Japan, and a weapon that looks effective for

use against Japan may be utilised even when it is known the weapon is double-edged. This fact assumed prominence when Germany dropped Japan out the window to fraternise with Russia. The picture changes in detail as time and wars go on, but the essentials are not materially changed from the Chinese point of view.

In the same way that Russia is the joker in the European game we call war so she is becoming or threatening to become the major danger and outlaw factor in the Asiatic war. This state of affairs does not necessarily mean more or heavier fighting on the battlefields, but it does darken the outlook for what may follow the end of actual warfare of the kind fought by armies.

Those who had most sincerely hoped that Europe might be spared from war, those who had gone the furthest in support of appeasement as an escape from war, after they were convinced that war could not be averted, fell back on the hope that the inevitable war might clear the atmosphere and reestablish peace on a more orderly and more permanent basis. This second hope sufficed for Russia's entry. —"Manila Bulletin."

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### WASTE OF TIME

It is waste of time of conjecture what calculation will weigh most with Hitler in reaching his (next move) decision. He may decide for some desperate offensive on the Western Front, together with an intensification of the attacks by sea and air on this country, and an attempt to force on neutral Europe a boycott of all British trade. One thing alone is certain, that he cannot safely remain purely on the defensive. The morale of the German people, already tried rather high by the disconcerting capitulations to Russia, would not easily stand the strain of a merely defensive strategy, in the hope that the Allies would break their strength against impregnable positions. It is much more likely, as Mr. Hore-Bellisha suggested, that the continued resort of Nazi policy will be the attempt to lure the Allies into a discussion of premature peace terms, such as Mr. Lloyd George has so unhelpfully—except for Germany—been forward in recommending. That must be a lure against which it behoves both France and ourselves to be sleeplessly on guard. Any peace proposals—any discussion of peace—based on acquiescence in successful aggression would mean surrender of the fundamental cause for which the Allies have taken up arms, and give Hitler time to recuperate his resources before an inevitable resumption of hostilities at an early date. As Mr. Greenfell, of the Labour party, well said, when Germany has withdrawn from Poland and Czechoslovakia it will be time to talk of peace. There is, indeed, something at stake greater than a mere conflict between the antagonism of nations—something which cannot be compounded for now without treachery to the future and its hope of peace and security. The high mission of the Allies is to bring that truth home to Nazi Germany, as it has already been brought home to the rest of the civilised world. —"Daily Telegraph."



# WANG CHING-WEI PERSONALLY OUTLINES PLANS FOR NEW CHINA PUPPET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.  
**THE FIRST INTERVIEW** given since his defection by Wang Ching-wei, exiled Kuomintang leader, to a foreign newspaperman, is published by the local Nazi newspaper, the "Ostasiatischer Lloyd."

Wang is reported to have said: "The new government will be formed in the old Chinese capital of Nanking and with the old Kuomintang flag."

"It will be patterned along Chungking Government lines, being unitarian and not federative."

"It will include Inner Mongolia and North China, although those regions will retain certain special rights under political councils."

"The date of formation of the new government can not yet be predicted, as it depends on negotiations now going on for peace."

"The effective formation of the new government is only a step in the establishment of peace in East Asia."

## HINT TO JAPAN

"It is necessary for Tokyo and Chungking to recognise that neither army is able to conclude the war by a military victory, and both countries must make concessions for peace, which is possible on the basis of respect of China's liberty and integrity as outlined by me at Hanoi, and as outlined by Prince Konoye."

"I retain a slight hope of gaining over Chungking by my peace movement, although no indication in this direction is available."

## BREACH WITH CHIANG

"After my broadcast speech in Canton on July 9 I interrupted all relations with General Chiang Kai-shek, which were maintained even in spite of the attempt at Hanoi against my life."

"If Chungking again refuses peace, then the withdrawal of the Japanese armies can be only gradual."

Wang Ching-wei said the new government would be chosen among a new political council which would be formed soon in Tsingtao, and the majority of which would be members of the Kuomintang.

## RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

Questioned regarding Russia, Wang said the new China would maintain with Russia the relations of good neighbours and would not be influenced by its anti-Comintern stand.—Havas.

## REFUGEE INDUSTRIES IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Government is to give full support to the Committee in Charge of Refugee Industries.

Factories will be set up in Britain to manufacture products formerly produced in the refugees' own or other countries and it is hoped that they will be able to supply their former markets.

Alternatively, refugees will be introduced to British firms willing to produce types of goods not made in Britain.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE DRIVE UP HANKOW RAILWAY

Yungyun, To-day.

The Japanese are rushing up reinforcements north of Canton for a northward drive.

One column on the Sainam-Lupao highway has Lupao as its objective. It is meeting with strong resistance at Wongtong.

A second column on the left flank of the Canton-Hankow Railway is trying to take Tsingyun, 50 miles north-west of Canton. It is now engaged in the district of Fahsien.

A third column is pushing up the Canton-Hankow Railway with Nganchangau, 33 miles north of Canton, as its immediate objective. The Chinese are making a stand at Kuntien, about 25 miles north of Canton.—Central News.

## PRESIDENT CALLS ENVOY HOME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.  
CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE IS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DECISION TO SUMMON HERE MR. DAVIS, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS, FOR CONSULTATIONS ON THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR ON BELGIUM. Most comments stress that the United States, the largest neutral power, usually acts as the "neutrals' defender."

Some reports state that Mr. Joseph A. Kennedy, American Ambassador in London, Mr. W. Bullitt, Ambassador in Paris and Mr. W. Biddle, former Ambassador in Warsaw, may also be summoned here in December to give the President detailed information which will enable President Roosevelt to prepare his annual message to Congress in January.—Havas.

## MORE AIR RAID ALARMS IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

Two air raid warnings were sounded in northern France between 11 p.m. and noon yesterday. No incidents are reported.—Reuter.

## JAPANESE CLOSING IN ON NANNING

Kwong Chow Wan,  
To-day.

The Japanese vanguard was reported last night to be within striking distance of Nanning.

The city is partly in ruins. Many buildings are still smouldering following the heavy air-raids by Japanese aircraft in which many incendiary bombs were dropped.

There are still many women and children in the suburbs who have not yet evacuated in spite of the final warning issued by the authorities yesterday morning.

The Japanese are reported to be converging on Nanning from several directions.—Our Own Correspondent.

## AIR RAIDS

Shiukwan, To-day.

Japanese planes yesterday raided Lingshan and Kowchowhu, northeast of Yanchow.

Wuchiah, west of Limchow, was also attacked.—Central News.

## TWO JAPANESE NAVAL AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN

Kweilin, To-day.

While raiding Nanning, two Japanese naval aircraft were shot down by anti-aircraft fire yesterday. The airmen were all killed.—Central News.

## REVERSE AT PINGKUTU

Japanese troops attacking Pingkutu, are reported to have suffered a serious reverse.

As a result of Chinese attacks, over 500 Japanese were killed and 300 taken prisoner.

The Japanese are falling back to Yanchow.—Central News.

## WAR COMMUNIQUE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique says: "There was very considerable activity in the air."—Reuter.

## BRITAIN HAS SOME SUPER SUBMARINES

British submarines which can cruise as far as a battleship are going into service soon.

Rome, broadcasting this news in Italian, French and English yesterday, says these submarines, more powerful than any owned or even planned by Germany, will have a range of 4,000 miles.

Germany's latest ocean-going type, of which there were twenty-five at the beginning of the war, have a range of about 2,000 miles.

## FRENCH RESPOND TO LOCAL S.O.S.

A French steamer has gone to the assistance of the S.S. Proteus which at 9.34 o'clock last night reported by wireless that she was leaking in the engine room and that the vessel was being abandoned.

The name of the French steamer is not yet known in Hong Kong and she has not yet wirelessed that she has arrived on the scene.

The Proteus is well known along the China Coast and is owned by the Steamship Produce Co., Karsten Larsen & Co., are the local agents.

The ship, it is believed, encountered heavy weather in the Gulf of Tonking and in her distress message gave her position as Lat. 20.33 N., Long. 107.51 E. This is approximately 50 miles south-east of Halphong.

According to the local agents, the Proteus was bound from Hongkong to Shanghai. She was not coming to Hong Kong.

Ticket No. 50 won the silver tea set raffied at Kowloon Cricket Club in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The amount realised was \$300.

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# MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL POINTS MORAL OF BRITISH REPRISALS FOR MINE WAR

## JUST POSSIBLE

London, To-day.  
"Mein Kampf," it is learned, is to be published in Germany in pocket edition size.  
In order to make it a handy size, it is thought possible in London that the chapters on the evils of Bolshevism may be deleted.—  
Reuter.

## TWO-WAY BLOCKADE

## LEGAL POSITION ANALYSED

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
SPEAKING ON THE BRITISH REPRISAL MEASURE, DR. IVOR JENNINGS, THE BBC LEGAL EXPERT, SAID YESTERDAY THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS A LARGE BODY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THERE ARE NO COURTS AND NO POLICE TO ENFORCE IT PARTICULARLY IN TIME OF WAR, THEREFORE, INTERNATIONAL LAW RECOGNISES THE RIGHT OF REPRISAL.

When one country at war adopts illegal measures, the other side may also adopt such measures which, though illegal, are necessary to stop the original illegal acts.

If the Germans use the mines in the way they have been, the allies are entitled to take action which would otherwise be illegal. It is incidentally, just as illegal to sink Allied shipping as neutral shipping in the way the Nazis have been.

## NORMAL CONDITIONS

Under normal war conditions, a country is entitled to seize enemy ships and enemy goods on enemy and its own ships and also to seize contraband of war.

This international law, however, does not permit the seizure of other enemy goods on neutral ships and does not include exports from the enemy country. But Germany having violated international law, Britain and France are using their rights to suspend this provision.

Similar measures were taken in the last war.—Reuter.

## HOLLAND'S PROTEST

Amsterdam, To-day.  
The Netherlands Government press service announces that Holland yesterday protested against the reprisals Britain is considering taking against German exports, on the ground that these reprisals will affect the interest of neutral powers—both those which receive and those which transport them.—Reuter.

## LARGE VOLUMES

Amsterdam, To-day.  
Fears are expressed that the British banning of German export may affect Netherlands trade. During the first nine months of this year, 10,000,000 tons of German exports passed through the Netherlands; over half of this was coal.—Reuter.

## BELGIUM TAKES A COMFORTABLE VIEW

Brussels, To-day.  
The view is growing in Belgium that the latest British measure will benefit the trade of neutral countries as German exports decline.—Reuter.

London, To-day.  
WITH REFERENCE to the British retaliatory action against German exports it is worth recalling a sentence from Mr. Winston Churchill's book "The World Crisis" about the similar measure taken in the last war.

"It is for neutral nations," wrote Mr. Churchill, "to recognise that it is not practically possible, nor in neutral interests, to claim the maintenance of a situation which would deprive naval strength of all rights while permitting naval weakness to indulge in every abuse."

These conditions apply with additional force to-day because neutral trade has already suffered as a result of the German campaign, to which the British action is a reply.

The more extensively Germany is able to carry on the war the greater is the loss likely of neutral ships and crews; by retaliation the Allies are shortening the term of Germany's ability to menace the trade of the world.

The British Government has shown considerable forbearance in the interest of neutrals in not taking this action earlier, as it must have been fully expected by the German Government.

## SPEED OF OPERATION

The speed with which the elaborate scheme is now being put into operation as a result of the utmost provocation illustrates British ability to take decisive and effective action.

It is also worth emphasising that the French Government is taking a similar measure and is wholeheartedly favouring the policy.

## LONDON SURPRISED

It is commented on with surprise in authoritative circles in London that the Netherlands Government has made representations against the British move to bar German overseas exports, while remaining silent in the face of German measures calculated to inflict far greater damage to neutral shipping and in their wanton course aim at neutral vessels regardless of the destination and origin of cargo, whereas the British move is confined purely to cargoes of German origin.—Reuter.

## "GERMANY WILL ANSWER"

Amsterdam, To-day.

"We shall answer Britain's latest measures with intensified mine warfare," neutral correspondents in Berlin were told yesterday.

"Germany will lay mines off the British coast. She regards herself as perfectly entitled to do so without breach of international law."

"It is true the Hague Convention forbids the laying of mines on trade routes and in enemy harbours, but the British Government have turned these harbours into war zones by arming cargo-ships and by the convoy system."—Reuter.

## DUTCH TRADE DELEGATION TO STAY

London, To-day.

The Dutch trade delegation which has been in London discussing trade questions and which had arranged to return to Holland for consultations with their government, is now staying on in London.—British Wireless.

## ROME FEELS MEASURE JUSTIFIED

London, To-day.

The Rome wireless says that if it can be proved that the mines were German mines, Britain's latest measure is justified.

Norwegian shipping owners do not expect Norway to be greatly affected and sympathy is expressed in Sweden for Britain's desire to combat the Nazi measures.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" says that the United States will probably not challenge the measure and will wait until the practical realities of a developing situation have appeared and will then take such steps, if any, that American vital interests demand.—Reuter.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN TO BROADCAST

London, To-day.

On Sunday next, Mr. Chamberlain will broadcast on "The War and Ourselves."—Reuter.

## GERMANY ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MININGS

London, To-day.

GERMANY NOW ADMITS responsibility for the mines in the North Sea and neutral correspondents in Berlin yesterday were told that Britain's latest measure—the stopping of Nazi exports—will be met by intensified sea warfare.

"Germany will lay mines off the British coast and regard herself as perfectly entitled to do so," the correspondents were told.

The Hague Convention of 1907 prohibits the laying of mines on trade routes, but the Germans counter this by alleging that the British convoy system and the protection of cargo ships is illegal.

The right of convoy, however, has never been questioned and Oppenheim's "International Law" says that merchant ships may not be attacked unless they refuse to stop and be searched. Attack by mines is on a par with attack by any other means. Oppenheim also says that there is

overwhelming weight of evidence that the arming of merchant ships for defensive purposes does not alter in any way the legal status of these ships.—Reuter.

## CONGRESS LEAVES DOOR OPEN

Wardha, To-day.  
The working committee of the Congress Party yesterday passed a resolution which leaves the door open for further negotiations with the British Government.—  
Reuter.

## FOUR DIFFERENT ARGUMENTS

London, To-day.

The inconsistency of German propaganda has surpassed itself in recent broadcasts with reference to mine-laying in the North Sea.

The following four contentions were simultaneously put forward:—

Firstly, the mines are British. Secondly, the events of the past few days are claimed as German naval successes.

Thirdly, even if the mines are German, international law permits the laying of mines against warships without announcement when military considerations necessitate it.

Fourthly, it is Germany's aim in maritime warfare to strike where all the overseas lines meet. It is not clear how mines can discriminate between warships and neutral merchant ships at spots where all the overseas lines meet.—Reuter.

## FINLAND'S ATTITUDE UNCHANGED

Helsinki, To-day.

M. Cajander, the Prime Minister, stated yesterday that the Finnish Government saw no possibility of accepting the latest Russian proposals.

Acceptance, he said, would constitute a violation of Finnish neutrality and would mean the transfer of first-class fortifications to a foreign power.—Reuter.

## VERANDAH COLLAPSE

The verandah of the first floor of No. 47, Graham Street, suddenly collapsed shortly after 7 a.m. to-day. A Chinese couple who were standing on it were thrown to the ground but were not seriously injured.



# News Snack Bar

## BRITISH TROOPS' FIRST DAYS OF MUD

From DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE

BRITISH TROOPS in the line had their first experience of mud this week as the result of 48 hours' unceasing rain. Fields became bogs and country lanes ankle deep in mud.

Road traffic, however, was not affected, owing to the excellent surface of the French roads, and troop movements from the bases towards the forward areas continued in a stream.

Flying has been practically impossible during the last two days, owing to heavy mists. To-day, however, the sun came out for the first time, and I made a tour of a section of our forward position to see how the troops had taken their first baptism of winter weather.



Taken at a famous Naval training school, where hundreds of recruits are being put through an intensive training course before being sent to join ships on active service. They are in various stages of training and as new recruits arrive those who have completed training join the Fleets. (Copyright, Fox).

### Nazi Propaganda

#### Through Post

A conference attended by Chief Constable J. Horwell, of Scotland Yard, and officers of the Post Office investigation branch was held at the G.P.O. recently to discuss the question of preventing German propaganda leaflets from being circulated in England through the post.

### £4,000,000 For A.R.P.

Birmingham's A.R.P. will cost the city not less than £4,000,000, it was disclosed at a meeting of the City Council.

### More Rush-Hour 'Buses

More buses during the rush-hours in London are provided for in new schedules, affecting 22 routes.

### Royal Oak Victims

Four victims of the sinking of H.M.S. Royal Oak, whose bodies had been landed at Kirkwall, were buried at sea.

### More Wireless

#### Licences

The G.P.O. issued 683,368 wireless licences last month, when the approximate total of licences in force was 9,085,050, as compared with 8,757,460 at the end of September last year.

### 11,000 Miles To Join Up

Arthur Nixon Shaw, native of Liverpool, who served in France and Belgium during the last war, has travelled 11,000 miles from Mufulira, Northern Rhodesia, to offer his services.

### Solicitor For Trial

David Morton Milner, of Vanbrugh Hill, Blackheath, S.E. practising as Milner and Bickford, of High Holborn, was committed for trial, at Bow-street, charged with the fraudulent conversion of £6,873.

### Lifeboat Saves

#### Trawler

The Humber lifeboat, which was called out to the rescue of a trawler, the Dane, ashore on the Blinks Sands, at the mouth of the Humber, took with her 150 fathoms of wire and towed the trawler free.

The area I visited was another section of the old French Maginot Line, dotted with blockhouses and strongly defended by barbed wire and tank traps. Everywhere I found great activity in improving and enlarging defensive schemes.

Detachments of men, their legs wrapped in sacking, in lieu of gum-boots, as protection against the mud, were busily digging in the thick clay soil, while others were stringing out barbed wire in front of blockhouses.

All seemed in the best of spirits despite the all-pervading dampness, and they told me that they had had their first ration of rum the previous day on doctor's orders as a preventive against chills.

As I contemplated the gashes of the new trench lines, the soil wet and sticky I thought that soldiers of this war are so far fortunate in that they sleep at night in warm billets, instead of huddling in dug-outs and rude shelters built along the trench line.

Bad weather is unpleasant, but it is far harder to bear when faced in the open country without protection.

The complete calm along the front continues, and it is daily becoming harder to believe that the Germans will attempt any attack in this sector so late in the autumn and with winter approaching nearer and nearer.

The terrain, soaked in rain and churned into mud, is a great obstacle to any aggressive action, for the strength of our positions is such that no attack could be carried out without the heaviest losses of men and material.

Meanwhile the army goes whistling about its work, preparing none the less energetically for an emergency, even though it may be postponed to the spring.

### Threw Inkwell At Judge

An Austrian, Walter Koch, 25, a male nurse trainee, of Rowton House, Fieldgate-street, E., who threw an inkwell at Judge Konstam when appearing before an enemy alien tribunal, was remanded in custody at Thames Police-court.

### Girl Dropped

#### To Crowd

A girl in danger of being trapped when fire broke out at the premises of L. G. Hawkins and Co., Tileyard, York-way, Camden Town, was rescued by an employee, Mr. Hollingshead, who dropped her 30 feet to the crowd below before jumping to safety himself.

### £350 Snatched In Street

Mr. Kenneth Carpmal, secretary of the Alpha Manufacturing and Electrical Company, was knocked down by two men in Cedars-road, Clapham Common, S.W., and robbed of £350. Mr. Carpmal had been to a bank in Lavender-hill and was walking up the drive leading to his office when he was attacked. The men, snatching the case in which he was carrying the money, jumped into a waiting car.

### Windsor Castle Foreman

Mr. George Wilson, a general foreman, who served at Windsor Castle in five reigns, has retired on pension.

### Leather Control

The Ministry of Supply announces that an immediate census is being taken of stocks of sole leather and cut soles held by boot and shoe repairers.

### Girl Who

#### Flashed Torch

The Home Secretary declined to recommend a reduction in the sentence on the 19-year-old girl who, at Wisbech, was fined £1 and given a month's imprisonment for flashing an electric torch during the black-out.

### Young Mother Reprieved

Forty-eight hours after she had been sentenced to death at Taunton Assizes for murdering her five-month-old son, the Home Secretary has recommended a reprieve for Winifred Mary Watts, 19, unmarried, of Ashill, near Ilminster.



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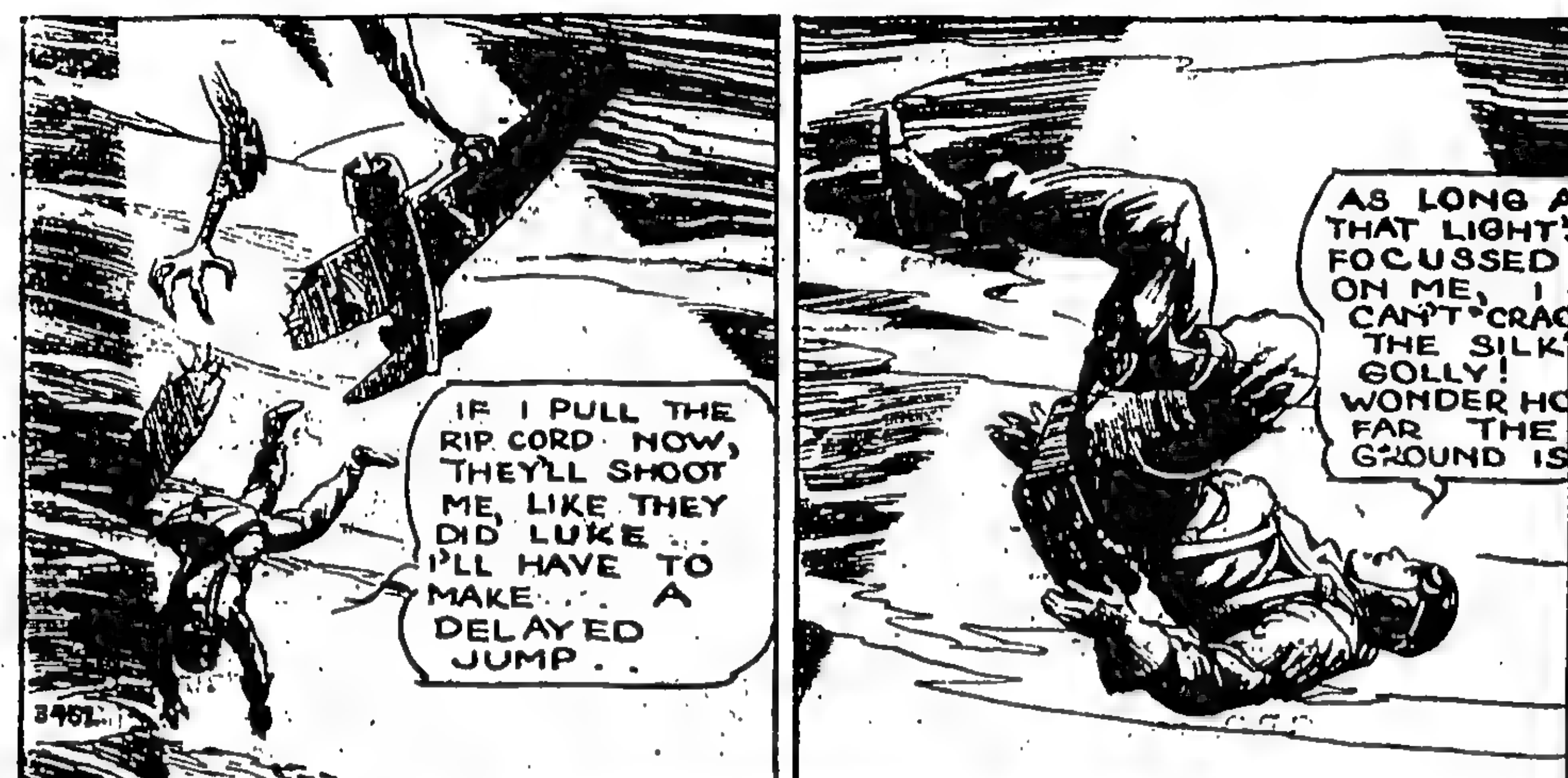
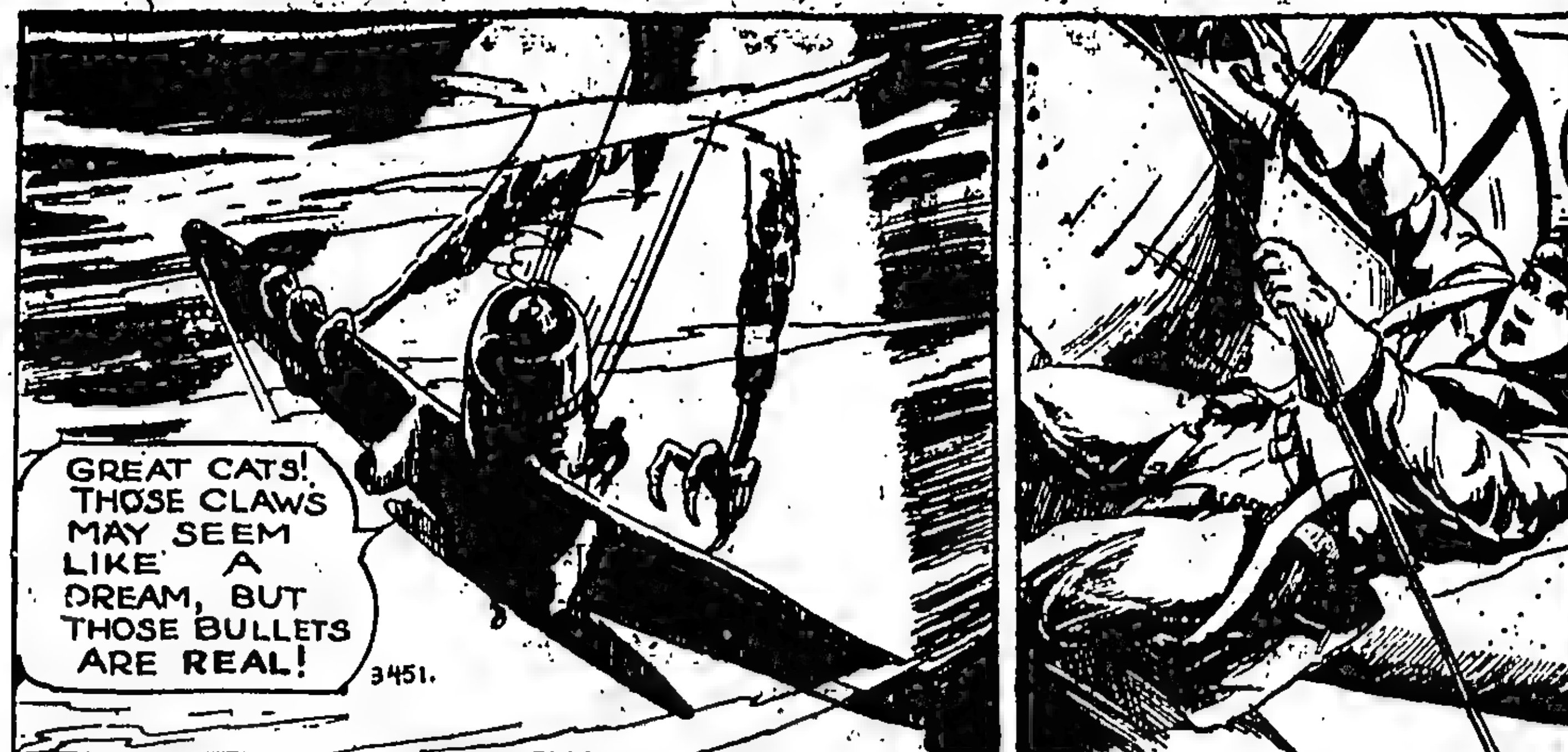
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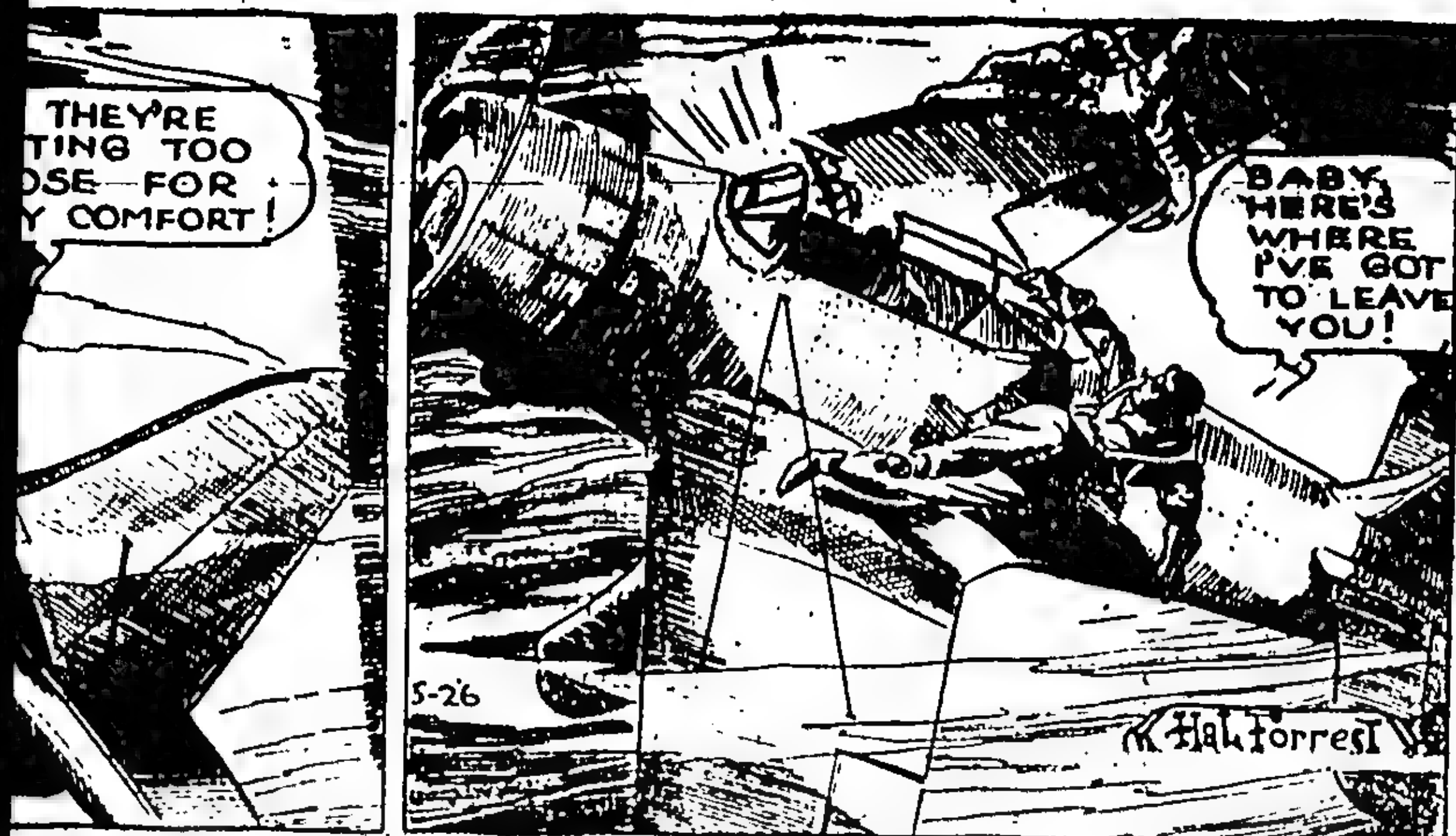


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## SHORT STORY

## UNCLE'S FORTUNE By JOHN L. CARTER

## CHAPTER I.

"I think you'd be making a great mistake to retire, Uncle," said James Beale with gentle firmness.

"Well, James, it seems to me that now's the time for me to take it easy-like," said old Jarvis just as firmly.

"But, Uncle!" protested Maggie Beale, "where would you be without the little shop to occupy your thoughts? In your grave within the twelve-month, most likely."

Mr. Jarvis felt a wave of alarm at the gloomy suggestion. But he pulled himself together and told himself that they needn't try their tricks on him.

"Look here, I'm not a fool!" he cried. "And you'll have to act different if you want me to leave my money to you. That's all!" and he went out, slamming the door behind him.

"That's your clever ways!" growled James. "He'll be weeks and weeks getting over it."

"It wasn't my fault," snapped Maggie. "It's his nasty suspicious mind."

And now the door opened a couple of inches.

"Can I come in?"

It was Cecilia Green, who had been in the same dress-making establishment as Maggie. Neither of the Beales trusted Cecilia, who had once deliberately set herself to win James away from Maggie. That was in their courting days. She had ended in making fools of them both. They still feared her.

"Why, it's Cecilia!" cried Maggie fulsomely. "Come in, do!"

"You two look as gay as a pair of tomb-stones!" said Cecilia drily. "What's up?"

"Why uncle says he's thinking of closing his shop and retiring!" protested Maggie.

"And why shouldn't he?" asked Cecilia. "I'm sure that the bits of odds and ends he sells hardly make up for the cigarettes James smokes."

"But if he hasn't the shop to keep him occupied he'll be spending money right and left, and it'll be all gone, by the time he dies," objected James.

"And it's always been understood that I come into uncle's fortune," cried Maggie.

"How much did you say your uncle has?" enquired Cecilia.

"About four thousand pounds and this cottage," said Maggie.

"And so long as he touched nothing but the interest we never made the slightest objection," said the outraged James. "And now he talks of going fishing!"

Just then Mr. Jarvis entered through the shop.

"Good afternoon, Miss Green," he said. "Pleased to see you."

"Oh! thank you I'm sure, Mr. Jarvis," said Cecilia, giving him a grateful glance.

"I suppose they've told you," he said grimly.

"You mean about retiring? Yes, I should think it would be rather nice," she added shyly.

"I mean it to be, Miss Green. I'm not without money. In my young days we learnt to save."

"James and I are very grateful for all you've done," put in Maggie, "and all you've promised."

"Yes," said Cecilia amiably. "Maggie's one of the lucky ones! I wish I had an uncle," she added wistfully. "Well, I must be going now."

"Wait a minute, Miss Green," cried old Jarvis. "I'll see you home."

## CHAPTER II.

"You shouldn't have troubled, Mr. Jarvis," said little Cecilia as soon as they reached the street.

"Oh, it's nothing," he said. "Nothing at all."

"But it is," she insisted. "You are always so very kind to me." Cecilia appeared to be deeply moved. "You see I've nobody, Maggie, being good-looking, got a husband easily enough and then—she has you."

"Maggie's not a patch on you," protested Jarvis impatiently. "You're a fine set up lass—and I shouldn't be speaking the truth if I said different." Cecilia sighed.

"I know I'm not really, but it's nice of you to say so," she said pathetically.

They walked along without speaking for a little while.

"I say, Miss Green," said old Jarvis at last. "Do you think I'm in my rights to retire?"

"Mr. Jarvis, I've often thought of you and wished you'd give up slaving and tolling for others—as I've said to Maggie many a time."

"Have you really?" he cried in delighted surprise.

"It's a shame for you to be cooped up in that shop all the best days of your life!" said Cecilia passionately.

"Maggie minds the shop for me sometimes," he admitted. "But I never ask her unless I'm obliged."

"Well, you see, Maggie's married, and naturally she thinks of no one but her husband," Cecilia pointed out. "I suppose I should be the same if I was married!" she paused; then said, "What was Mrs. Jarvis like?"

That gave old Jarvis a start.

"I never was married, Miss Green," he said with a sigh. "I begin to wish I had been now."

Cecilia stamped her tiny foot.

"I won't have you talking as though you were too old to do anything but die!" she said. "It—hurts."

Old Jarvis was thrilled.

"But there's not a soul who would miss me," he asserted.

"But there's not a soul who would miss me," he asserted.

"Oh, isn't there, indeed! Why, if you want a wife there's not a girl in the whole town but that would jump at you!"

Her words were like balm to his wounds.

"No, no! It's too late now Miss Green," he said stoutly. "Besides, it wouldn't be fair to her."

She waited a moment, and then enquired in a voice as soft as the cooing of the dove. "To who, Mr. Jarvis?"

Old Jarvis had to clear his throat.

"Why, the girl I was thinking of."

"It's a shame that some people have to be so lonely," said Cecilia. "For instance, Maggie gets married and has a nice home and knows she'll have a lot of money to spend as soon as you're dead." She waited a moment for that to sink in. "And—there's poor me, still slaving away at making dresses, without a single friend in the world, and not a soul to be fond of me."

"Don't you really think Maggie is fond of me?" said Mr. Jarvis frowning.

"Maggie would be fonder of you if she could get the thought of her expectations out of her head," said Cecilia. "You see she has to look to the future. That's why she wants you to keep on with the shop. She knows you'd spend more if you had nothing to do all day."

"I've been wondering, myself," said Jarvis in a shocked voice.

"Shall I tell you what you ought to do?" said soothing little Cecilia.

"Well, you ought to take a nice little cottage by the river. Then you could sit and fish all day, and your little wife could bring your dinner down to you, and sit there and listen to you telling her all about the fish," Cecilia clapped her hands with delight at the picture of his happiness. "Oh, wouldn't it be lovely!"

Old Jarvis had followed her with some satisfaction until she spoke of his wife. That flustered him; it made him flush. The idea was not distasteful, however.

"But I mustn't think of marrying," he said, deliberately flying around the candle. "I don't know any women of my own age, neither."

"You don't want a middle-aged woman!" protested Cecilia. "She'd be an old woman before you'd got past your prime. You want somebody young at heart, like yourself. I know lots of girls who'd love to marry a man of the world like you."

"How do you know?" he demanded. He was in a delicious state of intoxication, and the candle seemed to be the very fine of immortality and bliss.

"Because—because I do know," faltered little Cecilia, who was in no way connected with the saint of that name.

"Do you know anyone in particular?" stammered old Jarvis, as he remembered that this lonely girl had neither lover nor uncle.

"Yes," she said shyly with her head down, and quickening her pace. "She'd have to be an orphan, or something of that sort, or I wouldn't impose on her."

"She is," said Cecilia. Old Jarvis was still not sure of his ground. He did not want to have her laugh at him.

"Could you give her a message?"

"Hadn't you better ask her yourself?" said Cecilia very softly.

Still not quite certain, he went on another tack.

"I should be making myself ridiculous, I'm too old. Imagine yourself marrying a man like me!"

Cecilia lifted her eyes and met his with what he thought was as modest and brave a look as ever a girl had given a man.

"I should like it, if he was as nice as you are, Mr. Jarvis," she said simply. "Any girl would."

He took a deep, fortifying breath. "Well now, if I was to ask you, what would you say?"

Cecilia turned and looked at him, shaking her head slowly.

"If I was sure you weren't joking. I should say I was the luckiest girl in the world," she said.

"Well, I do ask you, then," he said boldly. "Do you really mean it?"

For answer she slipped her hand through his arm, and gave a little, happy, or shall we say, triumphant laugh.

## CHAPTER III.

The following Sunday Maggie hurried home with news.

"Uncle!" she cried faintly. "They're putting up your banns with Cecilia!"

Old Jarvis kept entrenched behind his Sunday paper.

"And why should they not?" he said calmly.

"What!" gasped James.

"They've put his banns up at the church!" said Maggie weakly.

James, reckless of results, gave a coarse laugh.

"Fancy him getting married!" he cried. "The beauty!"

"And why not, indeed?" cried Mr. Jarvis, nettled in spite of many firm resolutions not to be drawn.

"Why not, indeed?" repeated James. "You're a bit young, p'raps, but you'll grow out of that." And he laughed more immoderately than ever.

Old Jarvis, remembering his resolutions, made no reply, but buried himself in the week's news.

"The little cat! Poor thing! My poor uncle!" wailed Maggie apparently addressing no one.

"Won't she lead him a dance?" chuckled James.

"I wonder what my poor mother up in heaven would think of it?" cried Maggie. "She'll feel the stain on the family."

"Silence!" roared old Jarvis, rustling his paper. After all, revolutions had their place.

"The question is, uncle," said James, with a cunning look and in a conspirator's tone. "How can we manage to get you out of this mess? Oh, but Cecilia's sharp—sharp as they make 'em."

"Don't mind me; I'm not listening," said Jarvis wittingly, superbly.

"It's about time you did, then," it snapped Maggie. "You don't think, for an instant, that she's marrying you for love! You've only to look in the glass to know that! She's after your money—and mark my words if you don't find yourself dead in bed one of these mornings! She's not the sort to wait long, isn't Cecilia?"

"Not another word!" roared Jarvis. "She'll soon kill him off, poor old chap!" James whispered loudly over Maggie.

"And won't she play ducks and drakes with his money!" she whispered back.

"I told you to stop it!" shouted old Jarvis.

"That's all very well," said James nastily. "But where do we come in?"

"You'll go out of that door, if you don't be careful!" roared old Jarvis. "I've made up my mind, and you can't change me, not if you talk till Doomsday!"

"I'm going off now to take Cecilia for a stroll, and I shall bring her here to tea. See you treat her properly too!"

Maggie waited until his steps had died away.

"I shan't get her tea ready! Let the little cat wait on herself!" she cried. "Well, and what are you going to do?"

"Do?" said James gloomily. "We've got to remember that half a loaf is better than no bread. You just take no notice of your feelings and get that tea ready and be sharp about it. And when your uncle comes back, just treat him like an angel of light. And Cecilia the same. We can't afford to fall out with your uncle—damn him!"

## CHAPTER IV.

In spite of Maggie's threats, she had tea quite ready when the lovers arrived.

"Come in!" cried James cheerily. "Sit down here, Uncle."

When he had settled him in the big Windsor armchair, he got a hassock and put it under his feet.

"There!" he cried, "that's better!"

Maggie also rose to the occasion. "Oh, I am pleased, Cecilia!" she said, much to that young person's surprise. "I admit I was a little jealous at first. You see, Uncle is such a dear!"

"You seem to be taking it better now," grunted Jarvis. "Oh, you'll get used to it. James'll have to work a bit oftener, but he won't mind that."

This was rather a damper, but James, controlling himself, clapped Jarvis on the back.

"I believe you'd get fun out of a coffin!" he laughed.

"I'm glad you can laugh, James," said Jarvis, in a tone that made James stop all at once.

Cecilia then told them of all the pretty things that Jarvis had bought her during the past week; and at last Maggie's burning jealousy flared forth.

"It's a pity he can't show a little natural humanity to his own niece!" she flared.

"What do you say?" thundered Jarvis. "Now listen to me, Maggie—and you too, James. One more wrong word and I turn you out homeless."

"I don't care!" whimpered Maggie. "She's been poisoning your mind against me."

"Oh, what a lie!" said Cecilia. "I, who's got him to promise not to turn you out! Have I ever done anything against either of you? I've never told James of your goings-on before you were married, nor have I breathed a word to you about the way he's tried to carry on with me since. How dare you?"

"Shame on you, Maggie!" cried James, with an abjectly conciliatory look at Cecilia.

"I've had enough of this!" roared old Jarvis. "Now listen here. I'm moving into the country."

"Never!" cried James. "What about?"

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THE HONG KONG and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and Holt's Wharf, who were sued by the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China for damages for alleged wrongful conversion or, alternatively, for breach of contract, were awarded judgment by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadeson, of Messrs Deacons, was for the plaintiffs, and defendants were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C. instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The Chief Justice, delivering judgment, said:—

The Plaintiffs are bankers carrying on business in the Colony and both the Defendant companies are warehousemen with godowns in Kowloon. The Plaintiffs from time to time advanced moneys to business firms in England against bills of exchange drawn on and accepted by Messrs. Torbor and Company. The goods in respect of which Messrs. Torbor and Company accepted these bills were shipped to Hong Kong and on arrival were stored in the godowns of one or other of the Defendant companies. The bill of lading and the bill of exchange were endorsed by consignors to the order of plaintiffs.

The Defendant company stored the goods covered by the bill of lading in the name of Torbor and Company to the order of the Plaintiffs. The Defendant company then issued a godown warrant to Torbor and Company. On the face of the warrant appeared the name of Torbor and Company and immediately thereunder the words "held to the order of Chartered Bank of India Australia and China." Messrs. Torbor and Company handed the godown warrant to the Plaintiffs who held it until the bill of exchange was met in full. In the books of each

of the Defendant companies the Plaintiffs were registered as the persons to whose order the goods were held. Each of the Defendant companies issued to Torbor and Company a book of printed forms of delivery order. When it was desired to remove any number of cases from storage Torbor and Company typed on one of these printed forms of delivery order the lot number, marks, quantity and description of the goods required, the distinguishing numbers of the cases and the name of the ship from which the goods were landed. They then signed the delivery order and took it to the Plaintiffs. They paid to the Plaintiffs the purchase price of the goods mentioned on the face of the delivery order and the Plaintiffs stamped on the delivery order an endorsement in the following terms:—

"Please deliver to Messrs. Torbor and Company or order upon payment of all charges due to you. For the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China."

That endorsement was signed by an authorised officer of the Plaintiffs. Messrs. Torbor and Company would then present the delivery order so endorsed to the Defendants, who in reliance on such endorsement would deliver the goods mentioned on the face of the order.

## U CHAN JONG

At all material times Torbor and Company was owned by U Chan Jong, a natural born British subject of Chinese race. The fraudulent practice adopted by U Chan Jong in respect of the goods the subject matter of these two claims was this: After a delivery order, which bore on the face of it particulars of such packages only as he had paid for to the Plaintiffs had been duly endorsed by the Plaintiffs, he altered the numbers and/or particulars of packages or added further packages, and by delivering these forged delivery orders to the Defendants obtained delivery of more goods than in fact the Plaintiffs had authorised him to take delivery of. It is agreed between the parties to these actions that the value of the goods so fraudulently obtained by Torbor and Company is in the case of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. \$19,388.14 and in the case of the Ocean Steamship Co. Ltd. \$86,860.44. U Chan Jong was criminally prosecuted in May 1938 for obtaining goods by means of forged delivery orders. He pleaded guilty and is now serving a long term of imprisonment.

So far as the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company is concerned it is conceded by the Plaintiffs that each of the 31 cases in respect of which they claim was of a value greater than \$500 and further that in no case was such value declared at the time of application for storage. In the case of the Ocean Steamship Company 126 of the 132 packages claimed for were of an undecleared value in excess of \$500. The value of the other six packages is \$2,877.64.

## ACTION BEGUN

In these circumstances, Plaintiffs commenced proceedings claiming damages for conversion or alternatively for breach of contract. Each of the Defendants joined issue with the Plaintiffs, and each further pleaded that they were protected by certain conditions embodied in their godown warrants.

The Defendants also plead that the Plaintiffs are estopped from denying that the packages in respect of which the claims are made were duly delivered by reason of the fact that Torbor and Company were at all material times authorised by the Plaintiffs to act as their agents for the purpose of obtaining delivery of the packages, or, alternatively, that the Plaintiffs represented to the Defendants that Torbor and Company had such authority; that within the scope of such authority Torbor and Company produced to the Defendants forged delivery orders duly endorsed by the Plaintiffs, and so obtained delivery of the goods claimed for.

By their reply the Plaintiffs plead that the Defendant Companies dealt with the goods otherwise than in

accordance with the contract between the parties, and therefore cannot rely on the conditions and exceptions pleaded in the statements of defence.

Mr. D'Almada's argument for the Plaintiffs is shortly this. The Defendants contracted with the Plaintiffs to do a thing in a certain way; they have broken their contract by not doing the thing contracted for in the way contracted for, and they cannot therefore rely on conditions intended to protect them only if they carried out the contract in the way contracted for. The condition exempting the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company from liability for loss caused by misfeasance is in any case inapplicable here, for the condition is clearly stated to apply only to the loss of cargo whilst the goods are being stored or remain on storage. The conditions must be construed contra proferentem. The wording of the "Chinese" clause makes it clear that it is intended to apply only to cases of mistaken identity or of delivery to a wrong person, and there is no justification for extending the clause to cover such a case as the present. The exceptions further are not sufficiently clearly worded to exclude liability for breach of contract. So far as the Defendants' plea of estoppel is concerned Mr. D'Almada argues that the true position is that there was never any authority in Torbor and Company to fill up delivery orders to a greater extent than to cover cargoes for which they had paid the Plaintiffs. There is no evidence that Torbor and Company were held out by the Plaintiffs as having any greater authority than that. The forgeries were outside the scope of the actual authority of Torbor and Company and also outside their apparent authority. The defendants knew that the relations between the plaintiffs and Torbor and Company were those of pledges and pledger, and there was therefore presumptive knowledge of the limitation of Torbor and Company's authority.

## PLAINTIFFS' CASE

In support of his argument that the defendants here committed a breach of contract which disentitles them from relying on the conditions limiting liability, Mr. D'Almada has cited a number of cases ranging in date from 1830 to 1937. The earliest case is Davis v. Garrett, 6 Bingham p.716. The head note, so far as it is material, reads "Plaintiff put on board defendant's barge lime to be conveyed from the Medway to London. The master of the barge deviated unnecessarily from the usual course, and during the deviation a tempest wetted the lime, and the barge taking fire thereby, the whole was lost. Held that the defendant was liable." The next case in order of date is Lilley v. Double-day (7 Q.B.D. p.510) decided in 1881. There the defendant contracted to warehouse certain goods for the plaintiff at a particular place, but he warehoused a part of them at another place where, without any negligence

on his part, they were destroyed. The Court (Grove, Lindley and Stephen J.J.) held that the defendant by his breach of contract had rendered himself liable for the loss of the goods. Lepla v. Rogers (1293) 1 Q.B. p.31 was a case of the breach of a covenant in a lease, and the leasee was held liable for the natural result of that breach. Morrison and Co., Ltd. v. Shaw, Savill and Albion Co., Ltd., (1916) 1 K.B. p.747 was a case of deviation in a voyage by sea. In the course of his judgment Hailhache J. said "The effect of deviation is to displace the contract of carriage during and after deviation ab initio. From the point of deviation, at any rate, the shipowner becomes at best a common carrier. When a ship deviates and loss of, or damage to, cargo occurs either by act of God or, as here, by the King's enemies, it is not open to her owners to set-up either exception. Those exceptions apply, and apply only to a carrier who is performing his contract, and never to a carrier who is breaking it." That case went to the Court of Appeal (1916) 2 K.B. p.783. In that Court Swinfan Mady L.J. said "If they, as carriers, were duly performing their contract of carriage they would not be liable for loss occasioned by the King's enemies. But they are breaking their contract."

## GIBAUD CASE

In Gibaud v. Great Eastern Railway Company (1921) 2 K.B. p.426 the plaintiff claimed damages for the loss of a bicycle deposited by him with the defendants. The bicycle was not put by the defendants' servants in the

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## UNCLE'S FORTUNE

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us? Going to turn us out homeless, I suppose?"

"No, I'm going to let you have this cottage rent free, just so long as you behave yourselves. After my death it'll belong to Cecilia."

"What!" protested James.

"It won't be long after you're married before you're buried," cried Maggie with a vicious look at Cecilia. "She'll see to that!"

Old Jarvis smiled grimly.

"Wait a minute," he said, "I've thought of a plan that'll make Cecilia anxious to keep me alive and hearty, and fair break her heart when she has to bury me. So, if you think you can get hold of my money by making trouble between me and Cecilia you're wrong, because the fact is I shan't have a penny to leave."

"You—what?" gasped James.

Old Jarvis paused dramatically before replying.

"I've put all my money into a Post Office annuity," he said.

"What an annuity?" cried James.

"What's it all mean?" wailed Maggie.

"It means that I shall be fair rolling in money for the rest of my life," said Jarvis. "But, when I die, there won't be a penny left for anyone!"

"You old thief!" cried the outraged James.

"Well James, I thought it was the best way out," said Jarvis. "You see it means that Cecilia will be anxious to keep me alive as long as ever she can. Same with you and Maggie."

James looked unutterable things. So did Maggie. Little Cecilia looked thoughtful and impressed. But none had anything to say.

"So now that we all understand one another, let's have a quiet cup of tea," said the old man.

And the three of them vied in ministering to him, and being sweet towards each other. Old Jarvis beamed.

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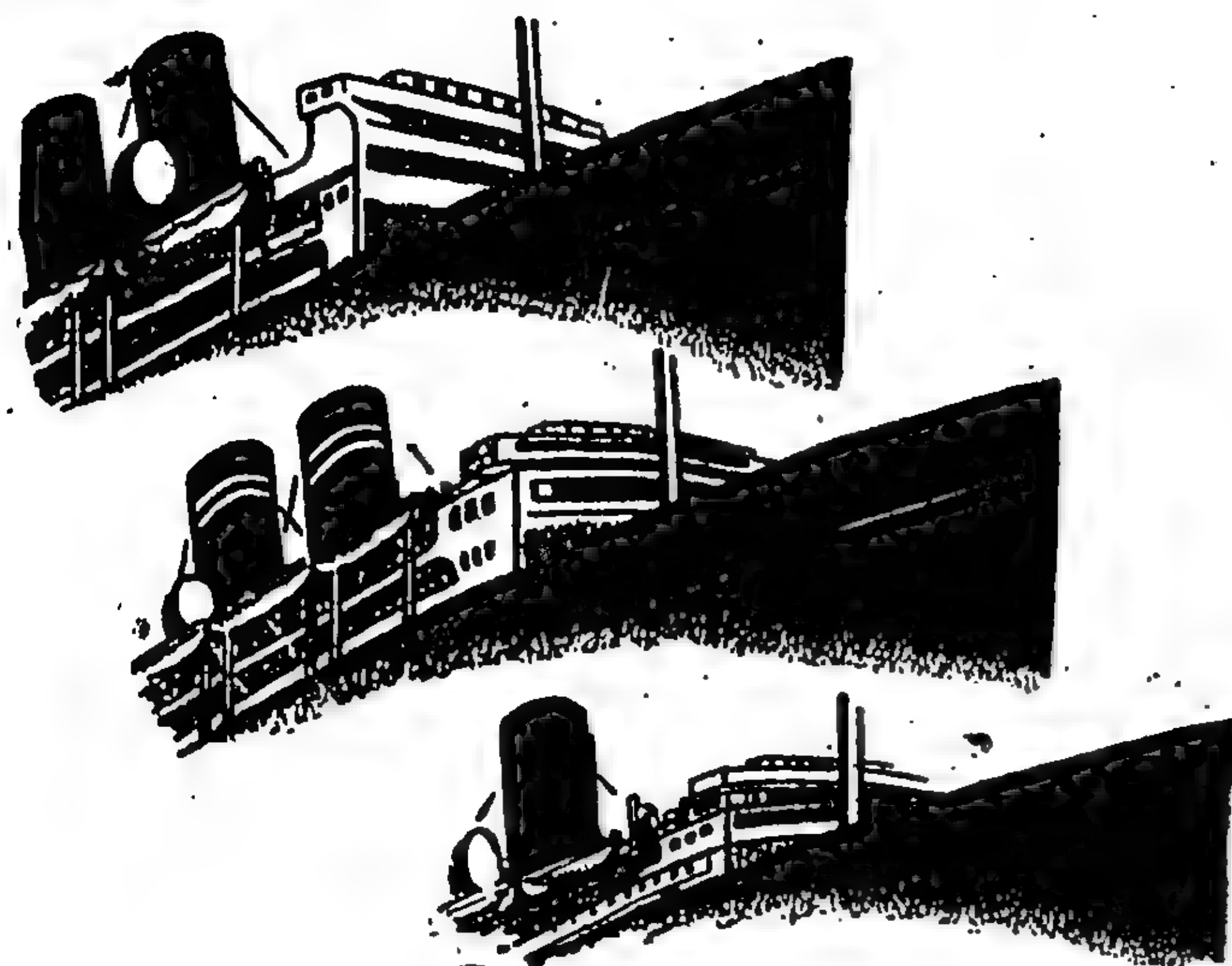
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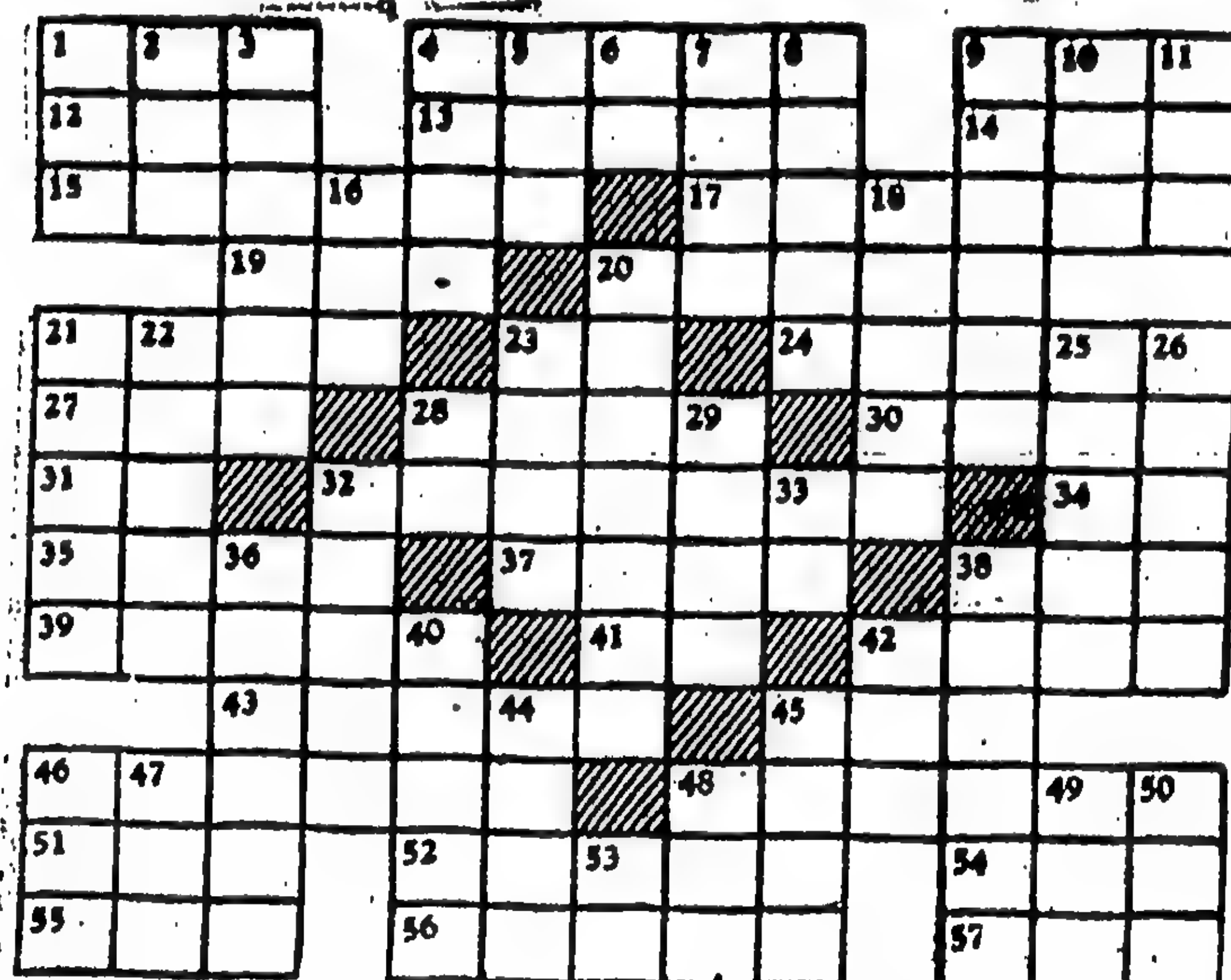
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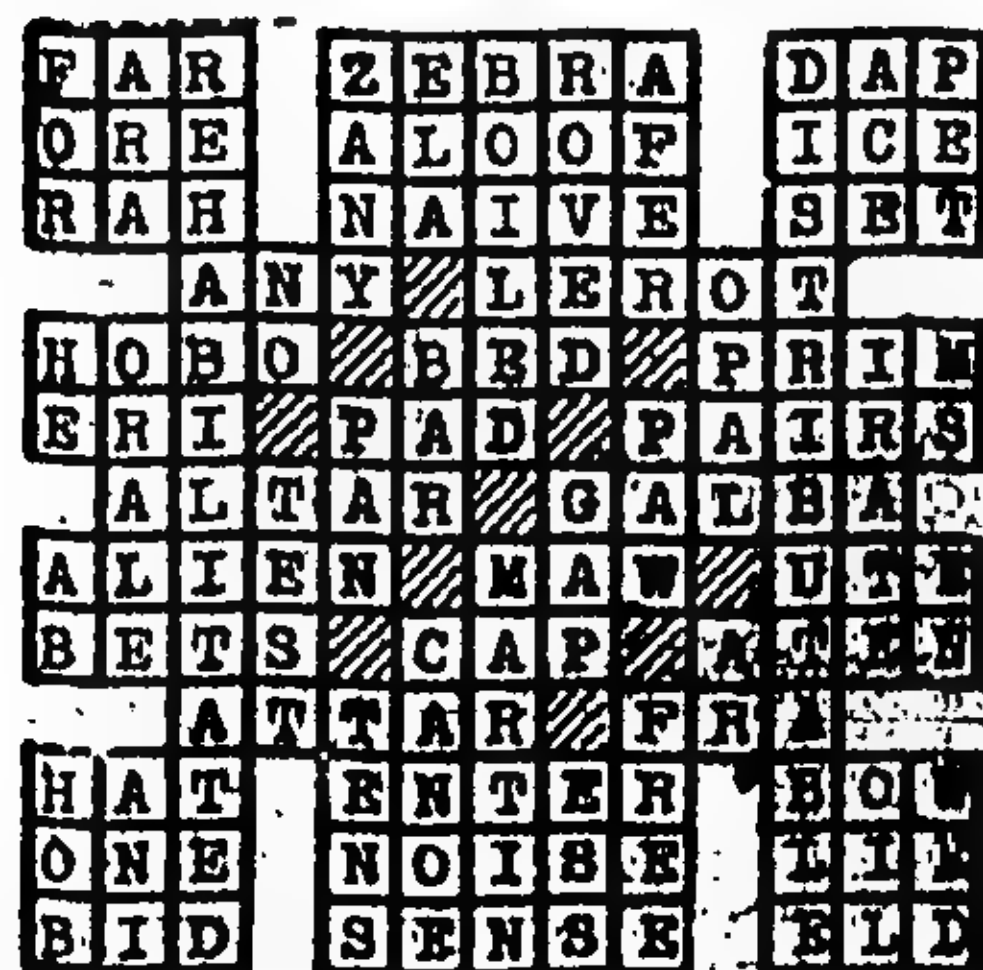
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- 19 To run about
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- 21 Baking place
- 23 Part of infinitive
- 24 To seize
- 27 Footlike part
- 28 Colloquial: clothes
- 30 Indian tribe
- 31 Article
- 32 Meditates
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- 35 Volcanic rock
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- 52 Hillock
- 54 Fish eggs
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- 56 To wander
- 57 Sheep

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- 1 Brim
- 2 South American tribe
- 3 Sacred river
- 4 To sow
- 5 To stuff
- 6 Exists
- 7 River duck
- 8 Joint of body
- 9 More humble
- 10 Vetch
- 11 To make lace
- 16 Brown
- 18 Household gods
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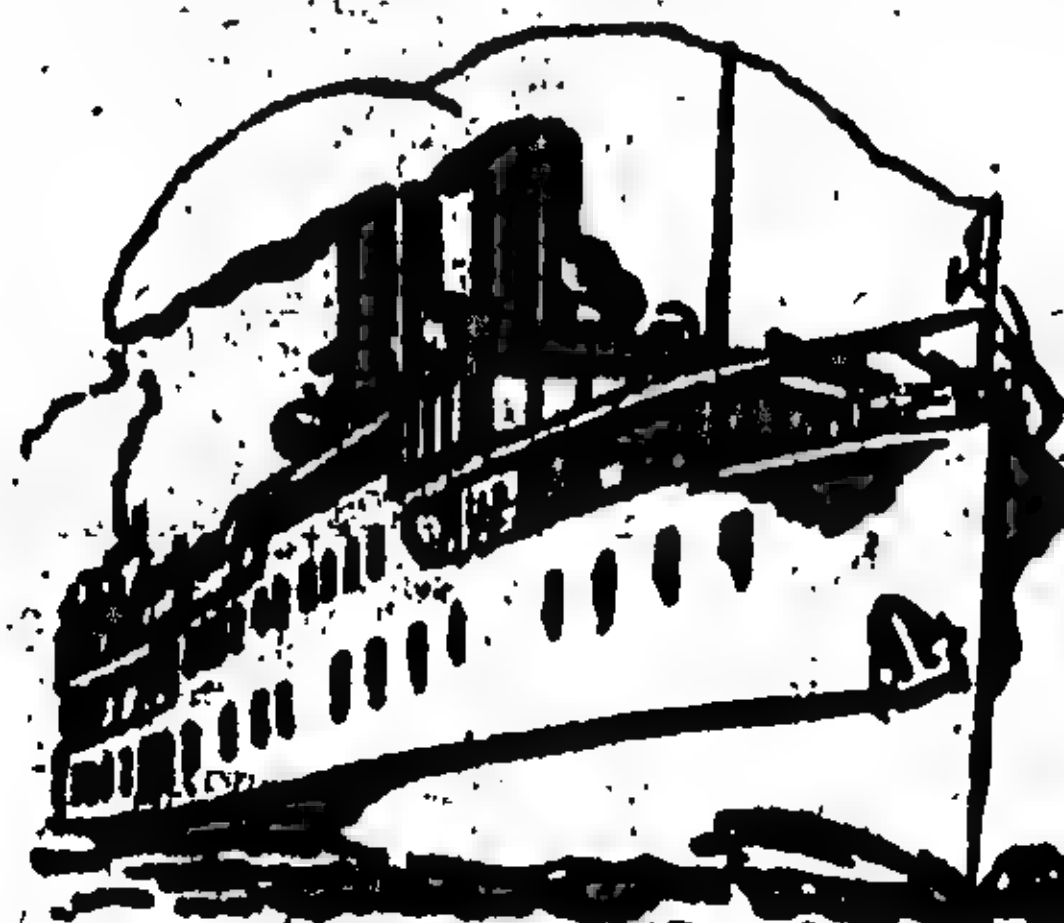
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cloakroom but was left in the booking hall without protection, and, owing to this negligence, was stolen. The Court held that the defendants were protected by a condition excluding liability though the bicycle had not been deposited in the cloak-room. Mr. D'Almada relies on the judgment of Lord Sterndale M.R. at p.431: "The plaintiff's contention is that this condition does not apply at all, because the contract of bailment was to keep in the cloak-room, and if the article were kept somewhere else than the plaintiff contends that no condition can apply at all, because there was a breach of the contract of bailment. With the principle that is stated there of course I quite agree. That has been laid down in *Lilley v. Doubleday* and also in *Davis v. Garrett* and a number of other cases, and I accept of course the proposition that if a bailee acts in breach of his bailment he cannot rely upon the conditions intended only to protect him in the fulfilment of his duty as bailee." In *Neilson v. London and North Western Railway Company*, (1922) 1 K.B. p.192, theatrical properties were consigned from Llandudno to Bolton via Manchester. By an error on the part of the defendant company's servants they were consigned to various other towns and reached Bolton only after considerable delay. To an action by the Plaintiff the Defendants pleaded that the terms of their contract exempted them from liability. In his

judgment Bankes L.J. says: "As the contract had reference to the conveyance by the prescribed route and by that route alone, when once the goods were diverted by the defendants from the prescribed route and taken on another journey, even though that diversion was the result of a pure mistake on the part of their inspector, they ceased to be covered by the contract and by the exceptions which it contained." That case was carried on appeal to the House of Lords (1922) 2 A.C. p.263. There, Lord Buckmaster L.C. said "The exemption is from liability during 'the transit,' and when once the goods are diverted from that route the protection ends. If the route be abandoned, whether it was due to oversight, ignorance, accident or design, equally the agreed transit is departed from and the privileges the carrier enjoys by contract during that transit cease"; and Lord Atkinson puts it thus:—"The special provision would admittedly have no application to a route wholly different, from start to finish, from the stipulated route. Neither can it, in my view, have any application to a deliberate diversion from the route indicated in the contract, after a portion of the authorised transit has been performed. I fail to appreciate the grounds upon which, according to common sense and reason, a distinction can be made between

these two cases. As soon as the carrier deliberately deviates from the stipulated route he carries the goods where the consignor never agreed that they should be carried, and where he (the carrier) by his special contract never agreed that he would carry them. So far from performing the duty to which the special protective provision applies he abandons the attempt to perform it—ceases to act in accordance with it, in fact violates it."

## ARRAY OF AUTHORITIES

I have dealt with these cases at length for the reason that, in view of the even more lengthy and formidable array of authorities cited by Mr. Potter contra, it is necessary to determine what was the ratio decidendi in the various cases falling into one or other of these two categories. In some of Mr. D'Almada's cases there has been open repudiation of the original contract. In all of them there has been at least such a departure from the terms of the contract as to amount in law to a new contract or a new voyage to which the terms of the original contract cannot attach. In the words of R. A. Wright K.C. (as he then was) in his argument in *Buerger v. Cunard Steamship Company* "The law as to abrogation of special contracts is well settled. A condition or exception ceases to operate as soon as the carrier ceases to do that which he has contracted to do." As Lord Sumner puts it in *London and North West Railway Company v. Neilson* "I do not wish to be understood as adopting the appellant's argument that 'renunciation' of the contract is the test of liability. If the carriers so conducted themselves as to show that they no longer meant to be bound by the contract the law provides for the case accordingly; if they break the contract without showing such an intention they must seek relief from liability somewhere in its terms."

In the present case I can find nothing in the admitted facts to indicate that the defendants did anything to show that they no longer meant to be bound by their contract with the plaintiffs. On the contrary everything that they did was done honestly but mistakenly in furtherance and execution of that contract. What they did amounts at most to misdelivery without negligence in the performance of their contract with the plaintiffs. I hold therefore that the Defendants are entitled as against the Plaintiffs to avail themselves of the conditions in their several contracts limiting or negating liability.

## LANGUAGE OF CONDITIONS

I pass now to consider whether the language of these conditions is sufficiently clear and explicit to afford either of the Defendants protection against the Plaintiffs' claim. The locus classicus is the last paragraph of the judgment of Scrutton L.J. in *Gibaud v. Great Eastern Railway Company*, a passage that has been cited with approval in several later cases "If you merely enumerate losses without dealing with causes such a clause may not protect you from your own negligence: if you enumerate causes and suggest you are free from all losses however caused that will protect you from your own negligence. The words that have been held to give protection are 'Under any circumstances whatsoever', 'In any circumstances', 'Under any' circum-

stances', 'Any injury however cause'. When I read the clause 'Will not be in any way responsible' it seems to me that these words are clearly sufficient to protect the company, particularly in a case where it is eminently reasonable that they should be protected if the man who deposits property of large value has not taken the trouble to pay the company for the excess in value of the property which he is leaving with them."

So far as the \$500 condition is concerned the wording of the two godown warrants in this case is, for the Hong Kong and Kowloon Godown Company Limited "The Company will not be responsible", and for the Ocean Steamship Company Limited "The Company will not be responsible in any circumstances whatsoever." In the latter case the wording is clearly as explicit and wide as the wording which Scrutton L.J. was considering in *Gibaud's* case. The wording in the former case "Will not be responsible" was held to protect a bailee in *Van Toll v. South Eastern Railway Company* (1862) and later in *Pratt v. South Eastern Railway Company*. I hold therefore that the conditions in the godown warrants negating the Defendants' liability for packages of a value exceeding H.K.\$500 is in each case a good defence to these actions.

## JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS

The next exception common to both Defendant Companies is worded thus; so far as material:—

"The Company will deliver the packages only on production to the Company of a delivery order signed by the party who shall be for the time being registered in the Company's books as entitled to the packages, and the production by the Company of such delivery order shall at all times be conclusive proof that the packages have been properly delivered by the Company, and shall exempt the Company from all responsibility in connection with the said packages or goods."

In respect of every one of the packages for which a claim is made the Defendants respectively produced a delivery order duly signed by the Plaintiffs by endorsement.

The same considerations in my judgment apply to the exception invoked by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company Limited "The Company shall not be responsible for any loss to the said cargo whilst the goods are being stored or remain on storage which is caused by misfeasance of other persons whether in any way acting for or under contract with or in the employ of the Company or not." It is difficult to imagine a wider and more comprehensive form of words. Mr. D'Almada's argument on this condition in my opinion has no substance. At the moment of loss, which in this case was by misdelivery the goods lost were clearly being stored.

Judgment must be for the Defendants in both cases, and it is unnecessary for me to consider *Loo* for the defence of estoppel would avail the Defendant in the circumstance of these cases. There will be judgment in each case for the Defendants with costs.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

## THE CROSS-EYED CLUE

BY VANCE WYNN

It was dusk on the morning of March 23, 1928. Armed guards surrounded the grim prison at Valleyfield, Quebec, holding back a vast crowd of morbid curiosity seekers. At 5 o'clock precisely a black flag was slowly raised to the top of a pole inside the prison walls and floated ominously in the breeze. There was a stir and then Sheriff Crippen appeared on the balcony and officially announced that the death sentence had been carried out according to law.

It was the finish of the most talked-about murder that ever disturbed the peace of the province.

On July 17, 1927, the body of Adelard Bouchard, a taxicab driver, had been found in a water-filled ditch near Huntingdon. Four bullets from a .32-calibre revolver had caused his death. He was well-known in that part of the country and the fact that he was popular with police intensified the search for his murderer. The wires began to buzz and all along the line the cry was heard: "Find Bouchard's taxicab!"

Before noon of that day, it was located on a side street in Montreal. Blood-stained cushions told the story of the tragedy. One of the other drivers recalled that Bouchard had been hailed by two men and a woman and had driven off with them. A waiter in one of the hotels remembered the trio and said they had been having a wild time before they left the place. Still another taxi driver testified that Bouchard had \$70 in his possession when he left with his three passengers. But the most important clue was this:

The older of the two men was cross-eyed!

Having established that much the detectives made a close search of the highway between Huntingdon and Montreal. It yielded rich results. By the side of the road they found a man's coat and vest. A mile or so beyond that they located a woman's hat, shoes and skirt. And all of these garments were smeared with blood.

It was not difficult to imagine what had taken place. After the murder of the taxicab driver, his heartless assassins had thrown him out of the cab into the ditch. Then they were panic-stricken for the blood of the victim was smeared all over their garments. They had discarded them, one by one, as the cab rushed toward Montreal at a record-breaking pace.

The final bit of Canadian evidence came from the customs officer at the border. He said that two men and a woman had paused there for the customary examination and had been turned back because they could not give a satisfactory account of themselves. The woman was shoeless and undressed, her underwear being covered with a large fur coat.

Later investigation made it clear that the trio had managed to get into the United States. American detectives took up the search where it had been dropped by the Canadian authorities. A description of the fugitives was sent all over the country.

## Do You Make A Good Impression?

The first impression you make on people is through your general appearance. If you are easy to look at your 'face value' is increased immediately. But if your complexion is muddy and pimply, your eye dull, your expression unhappy, the estimate of you is lowered.

Skin blemishes are usually caused by constipation and liver sluggishness. If you wish to have a clear skin, bright eyes, pure breath, a cheery, confidence-inspiring personality, you should keep your digestive system clean and active by an occasional dose of Pinkettes.

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They Hail the Unsuspecting Driver.

The trial led to the Far West.

It had been said that the search for a murderer is always most hopeful when it seems most hopeless. This proved true in the case of the murdered taxicab driver, Bouchard. Months afterward, a man and a woman giving the names of Mr. and Mrs. Carter were arrested in Butte, Montana, on the charge of passing off forged cheques.

When they were searched in the police station, a .32-calibre pistol was found on the man and a .25 calibre revolver on the woman.

The chief of police strolled into the room and scrutinized the prisoners closely. He noted that the man, who was rather handsome, was cross-eyed. The chief smiled grimly and remarked casually:

"There's a cross-eyed forger and his wife wanted in Montreal for murder."

The prisoners proved to be George McDonald, notorious confidence man, and his wife, Doris Palmer McDonald. The man had left a trail of forged cheques all the way from New York to Montreal and thence to Montana.

With as little delay as possible, they were sent back to Canada for trial. Almost at the outset it was proved that the young man who had travelled with them in the province of Quebec, was innocent of participation in the murder.

But the evidence against the man and his wife was overwhelming. They protested their innocence but no less than eighty-three witnesses were summoned to prove the case of the state.

The jury did not take long to come to a conclusion. Both prisoners were found guilty of murder, but with a recommendation of clemency for the woman. She had admitted to the American police that she fired the shot that killed Bouchard, but later protested that the confession had been forced when one of the detectives had shouted:

"Come a cross, kid, or we'll break your neck."

In spite of the recommendation of

the jury the trial judge, sentenced them both to death. On the day before the execution, McDonald made a sworn statement saying:

"To whom it may concern: This is to verify that my wife, Doris Palmer McDonald, now in jail in Montreal is innocent of the murder of A. Bouchard. I swear to this by my God in heaven. She had not one thing to do with the murder nor helped in anyway, and the Denver confession is untrue."

At the very last minute there was a sensational reprieve for the wife, and when the black flag was hoisted over the Valleyfield prison, it was to announce the execution of George McDonald alone.

## BUDDHIST LEADER RELEASED

Chungking, To-day.

Yuan Ying, Chief Executive of the Chinese Buddhist Association, who was arrested by the Japanese in Shanghai on October 10 has been released. He is recuperating in a hospital. — Central News.

## CHRISTMAS MAILS DECISION

London, To-day.

In connection with the Christmas mails, it is emphasized that there is no general ban on Christmas cards or other mail from neutral or Allied countries, whether the cards bear pictures or not.—Reuter.

## FOOD CONTROL PROPOSALS

Instructions have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding the export of foodstuffs from the United Kingdom.

As is well known certain essential foodstuffs are now completely controlled in the United Kingdom by the Ministry of Food, while the export from the United Kingdom of practically everything, including foodstuffs, is not allowed except under an export permit granted by the Export Licensing Department.

Importers in Hong Kong will therefore not be able to get further supplies of foodstuffs from the United Kingdom unless their orders have been approved by Government.

This Government has been instructed to supply the Secretary of State for the Colonies with an estimate of the essential minimum requirements of Hong Kong and in order to do so, the Controller of Food invites all direct importers of foodstuffs from the United Kingdom to furnish him with full particulars of their normal importations from the United Kingdom.

In the advertisement columns there appears a notice calling importers to a conference with the Controller of Food.

## CONTRABAND CONTROL DETENTIONS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, IN A WRITTEN COMMONS REPLY, STATED THAT THE NUMBER OF SHIPS DETAINED AT BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL BASES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN DURING THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 13, WAS 22.

Of these, 12 were Italian, four Norwegian, three United States, one Rumanian, one Greek and one Jugoslav.

The number for the week ended Nov. 20 was 23. Of these 14 were Italian, three Panamanian two United States and one each from Greece, the Netherlands, Norway and Yugoslavia.—British Wireless.

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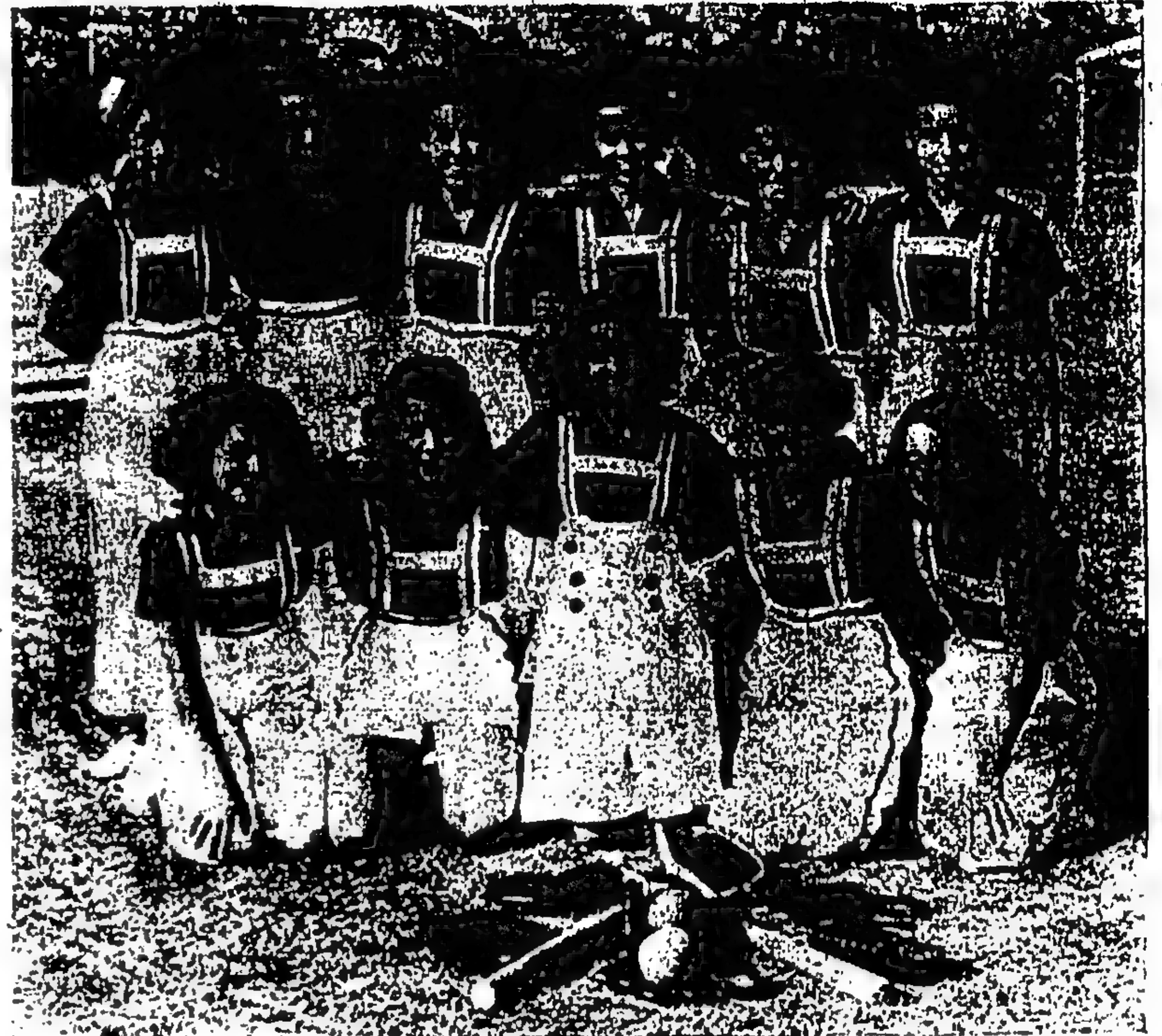


It used to be that parents ruled with the rod but nowadays it is the children who tell the parents off.





Cardinals' Softball team. With their coach, Doc. Molthen.



The Panthers' Softball team which played their first League game this season last Sunday.



A "long bow" disciple at the butts during the D.G.S. bazaar and fun fair last week.



Miss Longbottom, of the Cardinals, in action against the Panthers in the Softball League last Sunday.

## BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(By "STRIKE")  
OWING to Service duties there is now no time limit set for each round of the "Ewo" League, and matches are arranged when time and circumstances will allow.

In one of my previous articles I mentioned that a Singles Handicap Competition was about to start, and it was the intention to set dates for the playing off of these matches as in the case of the "Ewo" League, but matches will now be arranged when possible.

The Singles Handicap Competition draw has been announced and entrants are requested to get in touch with the Alleys as soon as possible to enable them to arrange times and dates for them.

### C.B.A. SELECT TEAM

The following will represent C.B.A. Ladies in League fixtures to-morrow on the Recrelo ground, King's Park, at 3 p.m.

Senior v Recrelo  
P. MacFayden, M. Wilmott, B. Parsons, A. Smith, I. Woolley, P. Everest, E. Lakhovetsky, M. Quick, D. Moss, P. Whitley, and I. Cunningham.

Junior v Recrelo  
M. Ramsay, V. Beaumont, M. Mackay, B. Sullivan, J. Felsow, B. Louis, E. Hunt, F. Grimmer, E. Woolley, P. Baxter and J. Crawford.

### Fawcett's Great Game

DOC MOLTHEN'S 238 for Ten Pins still remains the top score for the month of November, but he had a very narrow escape on Monday, when J. R. Fawcett, of Engineers, made 237! Fawcett's string was as follows:—spare, spare, spare, strike, spare, spare, and six strikes in a row. There is no doubt that had Fawcett made one more strike instead of one of the spares he would easily have beaten Doc Molthen's score.

Fawcett's 237 is not his best score in the Alleys, because in October 1938 he made the second highest score that has ever been registered in these Alleys—264. By the way, the highest score recorded in the Alleys was by Sapper O. Bell in November 1938, his score being 266, made up exactly the same as Fawcett's best effort except that he got 6 pins down instead of 4 pins on his 10th frame, to make a spare with his second shot.

### Fawcett Breaks Record

AS I mentioned in my last article J. S. Landolt had the highest score for Duck Pins with 129. This too was almost beaten by C. G. Cummings (U.S.S. Ashville) on November 19, but 129 has been beaten without question by F. R. Fawcett with 137, made up with a spare, 8, two strikes together, a spare, a 9, a 10, a spare, strike, spare, and a 2 on his extra ball. This is indeed a fine effort and is the highest score for Duck Pins made at the Alleys.

The previous record for the Alleys was made by J. S. Landolt with 148 in August this year.

It will be noticed that to be a good Duck Pin player does not necessarily mean that he cannot be a good Ten Pin Player, because both Landolt and Fawcett are two of the best Ten Pin Players at the Alleys.

This is also emphasised in the case of Mrs. Soong, who is no doubt the best Lady Duck Pin player, besides being a Ten Pin player of no mean ability.

Mrs. Soong still holds the Alleys' record for Duck Pins (for both Ladies and Gentlemen)

with 168 made in March, of this year, and it is at her own request that her records for the month are not placed on the Alleys' record board unless she betters her existing record of 168.

### Woolgar's Consistency

I WOULD like to refer to the consistent Duck Pin bowling of G. D. Woolgar. On Tuesday he played six games in succession and made the following scores:—107, 82, 107, 107, 100, 102, a total of 605 pins, or an average of 101 pins per game.

This is truly a good effort, especially in a game where 100 scores are few and far between. I expect in the near future to have something more to record about this player's good form.

BEFORE closing I would like to correct an error in last week's jottings. On that occasion it was stated that Gilman & Co. Ltd., had donated a tin of Rothman Cigarettes to any bowler scoring 110 at Duck Pins and 210 at Ten Pins. Actually Gilman & Co., Ltd. donated one tin of Rothman cigarettes to any bowler scoring 125 at Duck Pins and the Alleys allow one free game to any bowler scoring 110 at Duck Pins and 210 at Ten Pins.

THE following is the draw for First Round of the Men's Singles Handicap Ten Pins Tournament.

J. Shepherd (+25) v J. S. Landolt (+9)  
A. R. Willkins (+25) v N. R. Kirk (+25)  
M. F. L. Haynes (+25) v C. K. Miller (+13)  
D. Venezia (scr.) v J. R. Fawcett (+9)  
M. Woll (+25) v Molthen (+9)  
A. H. Polts (+25) v F. S. Robertson (+25)  
V. F. Taylor (+25) v R. H. Tidd (+17)

S. A. Ismail (+25) v R. H. Duddridge (+9)

A. W. Muenger (+22) v Walden (+25)  
J. H. Odell (+15) v T. W. Wright (+25)  
J. H. Watts (+20) v G. Hanley (+20)  
G. North (+25) v E. Faggiano (+11)  
F. D. Angus (+25) v S. Golden (+15)  
Byes into second Round:—L. Gaddi (+20), A. Odell (+11) and J. Grace (+25).

## KENNEDY ARRIVES

A. M. Kennedy, captain of Shanghai Rugby Football Club, arrived in the Colony on transfer to-day. A very fine forward, it is to be hoped he will find time to help the Club pack.

### ARMY CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Army at cricket against Police at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 2 p.m.: Capt. J. P. Lawrence (R.I.A.S.C.) (Captain), Major J. E. Swyer (R.A.M.C.), Major A. V. Petri (2/East Surrey Regt.), Capt. A. B. Whatman (R. Signals), 2/Lieut. B. A. Fergus (2/R. Scots), S/Sgt. Gardner (R.A.O.C.), Sgt. Denyer (R.E.), Q.M.S. Patterson (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. Webb (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. Murphy (R. Signals) and A. N. Other.



# Ladies' Married v Single Hockey Match Suggested

## SPORTS PARADE

**SOUTH CHINA "A."** football League champions, will miss the services of three of their best players this week-end against Kowloon. Lee Wai-tong has again injured his thigh muscle, Leung Wing-chui is still on the injured list, while Lau Tau-man, their left-winger, has returned to Shanghai.

**MARTIN (R.A.S.C.)** is leading the League football goal-scoring list with 12, followed by Williamson (Royal Scots) with 10. Hossack (Royal Scots) is heading First Division marksmen with 9, then comes Lee Wai-tong (South China "A") and Leonard (St. Joseph's) with eight each.

Elliott (30th R.A.) 8, Munton (R.A.O.C.) 7, and Chin Chi-fai (South China) 6 are the most prolific scorers in Second Division "A".

Following Williamson in Second Division "B" are Oughton (Royal Engineers) 8, and McKay (Royal Scots), Chin Chi-fun (Kwong Wah) and Ho Kar-keung (R.A.F.) with six each.

Martin holds a big lead in Third Division as next to his 12 is Gardner's (H.K. Electric) 9, followed by Holden (Royal Scots) 8 and Pym (R.A.M.C.), Parkin (R.A.M.C.) and Griffin (12th R.A.) with seven each.

**THE** lady hockey champions, "Y" Ladies, are looking round for an outside-left as Miss H. Bockler is leaving next month for Singapore. Miss O. Pocock would have been the obvious choice, but, it is understood she has already severed her connections with "Y".

**SEVERAL** prominent figures in the local sports world returned to the Colony this morning. Among them were W. Stoker, the Club cricketer, and Mrs. Betty Stoker, of the C.B.A. Ladies' hockey team; E. F. Fincher, the cricket Interporter, and Mrs. Irene Fincher, of the St. Andrew's hockey team; A. S. Bliss, the soccer Interporter, and Mrs. Phyllis Bliss, ladies' hockey Interporter and former captain of St. Andrew's Ladies' hockey team.

All the above-mentioned have been on long leave in the United Kingdom.

## C.B.S. PICK TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

Central British School, who are looking forward to a more successful season in the Caer Clark Cup League, are fielding their strongest team against St. Andrew's Ladies to-morrow, and the Saints will need to keep a very watchful eye on Miss J. Moss and Miss M. Shand.

Miss B. Goodwin is playing very well at the moment and if she can hold Miss Reid in check C.B.S. chances are bright.

### "Y" v. H.K. Ladies

The teams for the "Y" Ladies-H.K. Ladies' match are:  
"Y" LADIES—Miss Minnot; Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Stone; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss K. Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner and Miss H. Bockler.

H.K. Ladies:—Mrs. Lunson; Miss Sleep and Miss Stratton; Miss Gordon-Smith, Miss Swann and Miss Green; Miss Marr, Miss M. Smalley, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Dalziel and Miss Purves.

### Recreio Seniors

Recreio seniors are playing C.B.A., who are faced with one or two difficult problems in the choice of their team, and will be represented by: Miss Barros; Miss Silva and Miss Botelho; Miss Remedios, Miss Gonsalves and Miss Rodrigues; Miss Remedios, Miss A. Alves, Miss M. Alves, Miss C. Silva and Miss B. Remedios.

### C.B.S. v. "Y" Juniors

Central British School are fielding the following team against "Y" juniors in the Brawn Cup series to-morrow: Miss P. Loseby; Miss V. Moss and Miss S. Gearing; Miss J. Burroughs, Miss J. Bonney and Miss B. Hobbs; Miss K. Grant, Miss J. Stokes, Miss A. Nash, Miss E. Rousseau and Miss P. Beraha. "Y" will be represented by: Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Curtis; Mrs. MacKlin, Miss Stokes and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss Bradbury, Miss Buchanan and Mrs. Grieve.

## SUCH A GAME WOULD SERVE THREE PURPOSES

CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM has been aroused by the forthcoming ladies' charity hockey match on December 3 between Island and Mainland teams. While the island authorities have done little about it, competition for places in the Mainland team is extremely keen and a trial is being held on Monday next.

Representative games are excellent for adding variety to the week-end matches and they also act as perfectly good trial matches for an Interport team should one be required at a moment's notice.

Why not then introduce another representative game? Sundays are free days and therefore no great difficulties regarding players and grounds should arise.

Glancing through "Y" Ladies' teams for to-morrow one could not but be impressed by the number of married ladies playing in the two teams—five in the first eleven and seven in the second—and the obvious suggestion is a Colony Married v Single match.

Going further into the matter, it will be realised very soon that two such teams would be evenly matched,

### St. Andrew's Team

The following will represent St. Andrew's second eleven against Argonauts: Miss H. Millington; Miss N. Newman and Miss G. Darby; Miss P. Jefferies, Mrs. M. Vesouna and Miss K. Doughty; Miss Y. Hicks, Miss E. Banker, Miss H. May, Miss B. Longbottom and Miss H. O'Sullivan.

### Recreio Juniors

Recreio juniors against C.B.A., who are waiting for the selection of their first team first, will be as follows: Miss Silva; Miss M. Riberio and Miss T. Gonsalves; Miss M. Silva, Miss Osmund, Miss Carvalho; Miss M. Gonsalves, Miss Rozario, Mrs. Castro, Miss Campos and Miss Figueredo.

very much more so than Island v Mainland. The following, for example, are two well-balanced sides who would provide an excellent tussle, for charity preferably.

**MARRIED**—Mrs. Lunson; Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Willmott; Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Starbuck and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Dalziel and Mrs. Gittins-Bliss.

**SINGLE**—Miss D. Moss; Miss Gray and Miss G. White; Miss M. McCaw, Miss I. Woolley and Miss K. Pocock; Miss Marr, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Miss Shand and Miss Grieg.

\* Interporters. Mrs. Willmott was chosen to make the trip to Shanghai but was unable to go at the last moment.

### EXCELLENT SUBSTITUTES

Married would also have Mrs. Read, Interport centre-forward, to fall on, while Mrs. Quick should also be a useful reserve.

For Single, the Misses Hall (goal-keeper), A. Smith (left-half), J. Wong (centre-half), H. Reid, M. Smalley, J. Moss and F. Wong (forwards) would all prove excellent substitutes.

Ladies' hockey has made its mark in Colony sport, and any possible expansion under the auspices of Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association would be welcomed by players and spectators alike, and now, with charitable funds in demand, is the time for that expansion.

## BULLA, LONG DRIVER

By BEST BALL

Not much was heard of Johnny Bulla before the recent British Open championship yet this American golfer, like so many other unsung players, possesses a well rounded game. Long drives feature his play but he is adept at all shots in the bag and only needs a bit more consistency in play to rank with regular tournament winners in America. It was a 77 in the opening round of the British Open which really beat him in the tournament for his other rounds of 71-71 and 73 were commendable. Finishing early with a total of 292, he was conceded the championship by many until Richard Burton, an Englishman, sliced two strokes off this score later in the day.

Long drives, of themselves, do not win championships but they help a good deal. Some ten years ago Bulla won a driving contest with some stupendous tee shots, then dropped into comparative obscurity for a while. Apparently during this time he has worked hard on other departments of the game. He has the

## GRAPHIC GOLF



game now to go places and the confidence born of placing second in the British Open may be just the tonic needed.  
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## Army's Soccer Strength

NOW that the season is well under way it is possible to give some sort of an estimate of Army's chances in the Lai Wah and other football Cup competitions.

To begin with, I believe that there will be a marked improvement in the system of selection and training of prospective Army sides this year. In the past few seasons many have been under the impression that Army were not always fielding the best players available and that too much material was drawn from regimental sides with no consideration given to players worthy of a trial amongst the smaller units.

The idea this season, I believe, is to hold several trial matches and try out all possible material. If this is done there can be no groans from would-be players.

## Trial For Smith?

THE goalkeeper's position is still very open, no outstanding player being available at the moment, and it seems likely that either Smith, at present playing for Kowloon, or Drake (Middlesex) will appear between the sticks. Smith has been playing some exceedingly good games

this year, but, being comparatively unknown here until this year, has not been given the best of opportunities. The qualities of Drake are well known, but he is not too reliable although at his best he is very good indeed.

## Many Useful Backs

THERE is a wealth of material for the two back positions. No one seems likely, however, to displace Sheehan from the left-back berth, while the right-back may be Fraser (Royal Scots), or his team-mate Naysmith. The latter is a youngster with a lot to learn, but he is, nevertheless, about ripe for selection. One or two representative games make all the difference to a player such as he, often making or breaking such players. On his dis-

play in the United Services' game, however, Lawton, the R.A. stalwart, should be given another chance, and my opinion is that the backs for the first Army game, barring accidents, will be Sheehan and Lawton.

## Winstanley's Chance

THE half-backs present few difficulties, and it is hard to imagine a sounder trio than Rides, Bright and Wilkinson. Both wing-halves have competitors for their positions, and I have a sneaking regard for Winstanley of R.A. in place of Wilkinson. Winstanley played two good games for Army last season but so far has been somewhat overlooked. With Guy and Freshwater in reserve there is no cause to worry about this line at all.

## Forward Problem

THE forwards, however, present a different story. The weakness has always been in the attack, and it looks as though the same problems will be present this year.

I understand that Emberson, the Colony and Ordnance winger, may not be playing this season in representative games as his time is fully taken up in other spheres of sport. If he does not play Army are going to have their work cut out to find a substitute. Neither Coomer (Middlesex) or Munro (Royal Scots) quite fill the bill, and it seems to me that many junior players will have to be tried. Martin (R.A.S.C.) can play in the position, but is now appearing at inside-right, and it may be considered that he has spoiled himself for the wing position. Glen of the same team is also a winger of class, and both may be seen in the trial matches. Last season's outside-left, Duffield, has given up football, I believe, and his position is likewise going to be difficult to fill, but Flanders (R.A.) might do. Inside-left of course will almost certainly be Saw. Hossack will probably lead the attack, although Munton might be preferred. Gordon, the Scots' inside-right, is a great schemer and will probably appear at inside-right.

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# Hong Kong Girls' Basketball Team Again Defeated

## WAR TIME GOLF REMINISCENCES

JAMES Adams, who had everyday life not been derailed by the war, would have taken his first Atlantic trip as a Ryder Cup promotion will by the Ryder Cup date this month be training no doubt "Some-where." Adams, who is 29 years old, has, I hear, joined a Scottish regiment, writes a Home correspondent. The possibility has been mentioned of an exhibition match for war charity between him and Cotton on a Scottish course. Many other golfers not so well known as Adams are also already in uniform, or in some form of national service, and are keen to have a round whenever that is possible. I met an Edinburgh amateur in his uniform the other day. Originally a Territorial he is now a unit in the all-in British Army, and has recently been engaged in a good deal of heavy pick-and-shovel work. Recently he had leave and took a couple of rounds at his course. Never a light-club addict at the best, he had the surprise of his life after his heavy manual army duty. "When I took my driver from my bag," he told me, "it felt like a fountain pen."

### A SALONICA CREATION

Even foreign service cannot always deter the golf enthusiast. Officers of H.M. ships have, for example, played in queer places — by the Persian Gulf, to quote a random instance, with sunk cigarette tins for holes. Naval golf, however, has, if we believe an old story, hazards that are not covered in the rules. The story is of the two juniors who had a half-day off from their ship to play a round on a course in the vicinity. When they got ashore they ran into a coalowner friend who offered to take them down a pit. The novelty appealed to them, and the golf was set aside. When the juniors climbed aboard again with their clubs they were met by the captain, who genially greeted them with, "Been having a game of golf?" "No," said one of the juniors, "we've just been down a coal mine." The "impertinence" took quite a lot of explaining away.

I was recently reminded that foreign service, even in the Great War, was not allowed to compel the keen golfer to go without his game when I came across again Bernard Darwin's delightful description of the course he helped to make at Dudular, in Salonica, where rest camps, officers' convalescent camps, and divisions and corps all had courses. The one at Dudular, which was afterwards taken over by the Salonica Club, was an admirable ground, but lacked labour for its full-dress layout. There were 18 holes, and on the first day the Macedonians stole the flags out of them. The only so-called flags not taken were

the skull of some deceased animal and a French infantry helmet with a hole in it. The Service players spoke of the Skull and the Helmet just as at home we speak of the Corner of the Dyke and the Road. The holes were without flags until a certain General came to play four-somes, and found some difficulty with his approaches. So large stones were picked up from the countryside and painted white, and they did as substitutes for flags, being placed at a certain distance behind the holes.

### FLAG CONUNDRUM

That at any rate, was a course on which the recurring puzzle about a ball lodging in the flag cloth could not arise. The point was put to me the other day, and it was not only a welcome variant from "What do you think Russia means to do?" but one that was a lot easier to answer. The ball-in-the-flag situation has been the subject of a decision by the R. and A., but the terms of the official answer are not altogether clear. "A ball lifted from a flagstick," it runs, "should be dropped as near as possible to the place from which it was lifted." That is liable to more than one interpretation, but the decision adds, "Vide Rules 8 and 11." The ruling was given in a case where a ball had wrapped itself in a flag and stayed there.

A ball in a flag can be regarded as "lying on or touching" a flagstick, in accordance with Rule 11, and must therefore be dropped without penalty as near as possible to the place where it lay, but not nearer the hole. If the dropped ball under these circumstances is to be not nearer the hole it must, it would appear, be dropped at least the whole length of the flagstick from the hole. The argument sometimes used that the point is covered by Rule 32 is apparently disposed of by the fact that the Rules Committee in their decision make no reference to Rule 32. "Resting against the flagstick" in the sense of Rule 32 rather indicates a ball on the edge of the hole which is leaning against the flagstick. The player in this situation is allowed to remove the flagstick gently to permit the ball to drop into the hole, but could that rule be invoked to allow him to unwrap the flag? The Rules Committee did not give the option.

## STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

### SUNDAY

Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	A. E. Lissaman, F. D. Hunter.
9.20	R. K. Collings, Major Johnstone.
9.24	S. H. Dodwell, W. J. S. Key.
9.28	A. Sommerfelt, A. K. Mackenzie.
9.32	F. J. de Rome, R. Young.
9.36	Comdr. Hole, W. W. C. Shewan.
9.40	T. E. Pearce, W. Sharp.
9.44	G. W. Sewell, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.48	G. T. Harrington, W. A. Stewart.
9.52	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, C. C. Stark.
9.56	J. D. Danby, T. Low.
10.00	Lt. Col. Dowbiggin, D. L. Prophet.
10.04	C. C. Willson, W. L. Alexander.
10.08	Lt. C. F. Bellamy, A. H. McBride.
10.12	Col. Holt, A. Nicol.
10.16	J. B. Harrison, W. W. Rae.
10.20	F. A. Redmond, I. P. Tamworth.
10.24	J. B. Mackie, S. Tomlinson.
10.28	S. S. Church, P. E. Annis.
10.32	J. W. Clague, M. D. Cooper.
10.36	T. A. Pearce, G. C. Worrall.
10.40	G. Haynes, C. F. Marshall.
10.44	A. J. Dennis, W. Bastin.
10.48	I. H. C. Hight, Capt. Lawrence.
10.52	G. Jensen, W. Ritchie.
New Course	
9.16 a.m.	L. R. Andrewes, D. S. Edward.
9.20	Lt. Col. Collin, Brig. McLeod.
9.24	Surg. Cdr. Nicholson, G. M. Park.
9.28	A. D. Humphreys, D. S. Robb.
9.32	B. D. Evans, A. McKellar.
9.36	E. P. Streatfield, A. B. Purves.
9.40	J. K. Bouasfield, E. W. Kirk.
9.44	L. Jackson, A. T. Lay.
9.48	W. Woodward, C. M. Stark.
9.52	Lt. Col. Matthews, J. A. Taylor.

## THRILLING FINISH TO GAME IN MANILA

ON NOVEMBER 18 the Hong Kong Girls' Basketball team lost to the Manila All-Chinese girls' team by 10-9. The following is the report of the game by "The Manila Bulletin":

Holding a one-point advantage for fully 4½ minutes, the local All-Chinese girls' basketball selection nosed out the Hong Kong Stars, 10 to 9, on Saturday night at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Stadium. Another big crowd, composed mostly of the Manila Chinese community, witnessed the thrilling encounter.

The defeat of the visiting Hong Kong Stars was their second setback in a week after registering five victories in a row. Their first defeat was at the hands of the Anglo-Chinese Quintette, M.L.A.A. (Manila Ladies' Athletic Association) basketball champions, by the score of 29-27.

Tight guarding predominated throughout the encounter last Saturday in an effort to stave off the local All Chinese girls' smoothclicking offence, the visitors committed several fouls which later turned out to be the deciding factor of the game.

### TWO PENALTY SHOTS

The local selection held the Hong Kong girls scoreless in the first quarter. Lourdes Go, Anglo-Chinese guard, scored the only points in the first period, converting two penalty shots on a foul by Lao Sau Kwong and Diana Chen, captain of the Hong Kong five.

Titania Uy, outstanding centre of the Anglo-Chinese squad, stretched the score to four points, puncturing the hoop from long distance as hostilities commenced in the second quarter. It was a close and tight-guarding affair from then on and for almost five minutes neither side was able to garner a single point. In the closing minute of the period the Hong Kong five went to town, scoring five points. Chan Chia Chen sank two successive goals, one from long distance and the other from under the basket, knotting the count at 4-all. With 30 seconds more to play before lemon time, Sun Yuk Ming was fouled by Alice Chen and she made good her penalty toss, putting the visitors out in front for the first time by the

## KOWLOON JUNIOR GOLF TITLE

The following are the starting times arranged for Sunday for the Junior Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club:

2.00 p.m.	J. Leitch & W. Kershaw
2.04	B. Basto & J. Cole
2.08	T. Henderson & L. Sykes
2.12	H. Grose & R. A. C. Basto
2.16	J. Sale & L. A. Gutierrez
2.20	G. Moss & W. Davenport
2.24	J. Farmer & F. J. Remedios
2.28	A. Butfield & F. Zimmern
2.32	W. C. Hung & A. N. Other.

## CLUB HOCKEY TEAMS

The following teams have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in matches arranged for the coming week.

"A" XI (v. Police 2nd XI on Club Ground on Monday, at 5 p.m.):—H. W. Brown; W. G. Schnabel, and J. W. Pennington; V. E. Stephen, H. J. D. Lowe and A. M. J. Wright; (Capt.) W. Spencer, G. D. Woolgar, E. F. A. Morgan, K. A. Bldmead and I. P. Tamworth.

1st XI (v. Police 1st XI on Club Ground on Wednesday, at 5 p.m.):—V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed and Cdr. F. Corrie-Hill; S. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R. Divett, T. D. Whitley and R. A. Bates (Capt.).

## RACE-OWNER BACK

Mr. L. Dunbar, the popular racing owner, arrived back from leave today.

score of 5-4.

### VISITORS BLANKED

The local quintette again blanked the Hong Kong girls in the third quarter assuming the lead when Victoria Tan arched in one from the side. Lourdes Go followed suit, scoring two markers from the penalty line, making the score 8-5 at the end of the quarter.

In the final period the local five continued to dominate the situation. Alice Chen made the score 10-5 as the quarter opened. The Hong Kong girls, however, immediately thereafter cut down their opponent's lead to one point. Diana Chen sank two field goals in succession, making the score 10-9. For fully 4½ minutes thereafter, the local selection played for the ball, preventing the visitors from scoring until whistle time.

The line-ups follow:

All Chinese— 10		Hong Kong Stars— 9	
Alice Chen	2	Lee Shen Yoc	0
C. Go	0	Chan Chai Chen	4
V. Tan	2	Lao Sau Kwong	0
H. Le Tun	0	Diana Chen	4
T. Uy	2	Suisun	0
C. Ong	0	Sun Yuk Ming	1
K. Chen	0	Tang Yuen Hoo	0
L. Go	4	Ngan Sau Ying	0
Annie Kho	0		
G. Yang	0		



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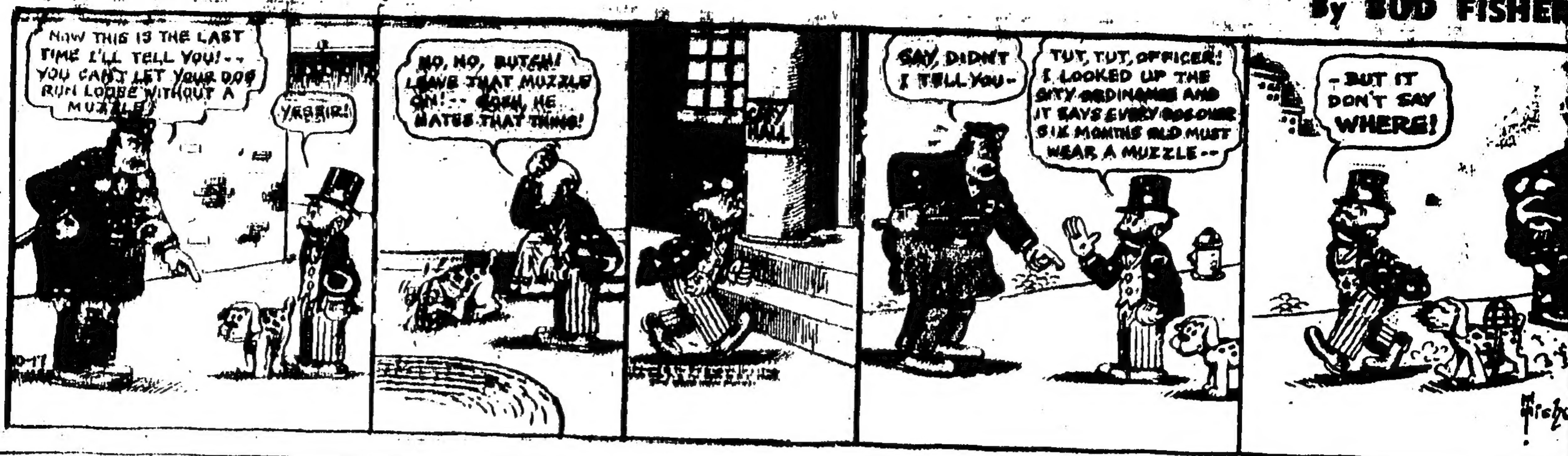
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"To-night At 8.30"—We Were Dancing (Noel Coward). Noel Coward (Harrington) with Orchestra.  
"Words and Music"—Selection (Coward). New Mayfair Orchestra.  
"Operette" (Coward)—Where are the Songs We Sing? The Statute of England. Noel Coward (Harrington) with Orchestra.  
"Conversation Piece"—Selection (Coward). Charles Fennell & His Orchestra.  
"Words and Music"—Mad Dogs and Englishmen (Coward). Noel Coward (Harrington) with Orchestra.  
6.35 p.m.—Playing Local Black Quotations.  
6.55 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.  
Julius Dance Melodious Intro: I'm afraid to go home in the dark; Alexander's Ragtime Band; Oh, you beautiful doll; Got out and got under; Underneath the Stars; Hello! who's your lady friend; etc.  
Songs, everyday songs. Dances, love, laugh

and love. By the fireside; He played his Ukulele; One more kiss; Somebody loves you; Dick Turpin's Ride to You; What makes you so adorable; Back again to happy-lucky days.  
"Sweet Adeline"—Selection (Kern). "Roberta"—Selection (Kern).  
7.00 p.m.—Variety with Bing Crosby, Bobby Green, Jack Buchanan, and The Hill Billies.  
Vocal—Hang Your Heart On A Hickory Limb (film "East side of Heaven").  
Vocal—Blue Italian Waters (film "Fisherman's Wharf").  
Vocal—Fisherman's Chantle (film "Fisherman's Wharf").  
Vocal—Where I Ain't Been Before (film "Wells Fargo").  
Vocal—The Cowboy's Dream (film "The Cowboy's Dream").  
Vocal—So Green (film "That's a good girl").  
Vocal—Oo! La! La! (film "That's a good girl").

8.00 p.m.—Jack Buchanan with Orchestra.  
Vocal—Climbing Up The Golden Stairs (arr. Hill Billies). In The Moonlight's Glow (Hill Billies). The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accompaniment.  
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—Next week's programme.  
8.07 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Nura Kanis.  
Recital Programme:  
1. Sonata "Pathétique".  
2. Ecossaise.  
8.30 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude by Marek Weber and His Orchestra.  
Indra Waltz (Operette "In the Realm of Indra"—Lincke).  
10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.  
8.35 p.m.—London Relay—"For the Troops".  
Variety by the N.A.A.F.I. from Drury Lane.  
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—Harry Roy's New Stage Show.  
Harry Roy & His Orchestra (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).  
9.45 p.m.—Reginald Dixon at the Organ.  
"Chorus Gentlemen, Please". Intro: Hunting we will go; Sally in our Alley; John Peel; Oh Dear what can the matter be; Londonderry Air; There's a Tavern in the Town; Men of Harlech; Drink to me only; British Grenadiers; The Minstrel Boy; Sir Roger de Coverley; Auld Lang Syne.  
Dixon Hits No. 25. Intro: It's d'lovely; There's rain in my eyes; Everyone must have a sweetheart.  
Waltz Selection. Intro: I'll See You Again; Falling in Love Again; Love will find a way; The Desert Song; Deep in my Heart; Dream Lover.  
Fox-Trots—You Couldn't Be Cuter (film "Joy of Living"); Just Let Me Look At You (film "The Joy of Living"). Bert Block & His Bell Music.  
Slow Fox-Trot—I Let A Song Go Out of My Heart; Waltz—The Whispering Waltz... Henry Jacques & His Strict Dance Tempo Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot—There's A Little Irish Colleen On Broadway; Quickstep—The Highland Swing (from "Happy Returns")... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Remember Me? (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air"); Here Comes The Sandman (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air")... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.  
Tangos—Cabeclita; La Ultima Cancion...

Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trot—Star Dust On The Moon; Quickstep—Turn Off The Moon (film song)... Len Newbery & His Cascades Rhythm.  
Quickstep—Where Is Our Blue Bird Melody Lane; Waltz—Sweethearts (from the film)... Victor Silvester & His Room Orchestra.  
Slow Fox-Trot—Rollin' Plains (from film); Quickstep—Goin' Down To Say Fe Town... Big Bill Campbell & Hill Billy Band.  
Slow Fox-Trot—Heaven Can Wait; Quickstep—Sing A Song Of Sunbeams (from "Eastside of Heaven")... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.  
Waltz—I Paid For The Lie That I Told You... Henry Hall & His Orchestra.  
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"In England Now".  
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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North-South vulnerable  
♠ A J 10 2  
♥ J 10 8 7  
♦ A 5 4  
♣ K 2  
♠ 8 7 5 4  
♥ K 4 3  
♦ 9 8  
♣ A 9 4 3  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♠ K Q 6 3  
♥ A Q 5 3  
♦ K 8 7 3  
♣ 7

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass  
2NT Pass 3♣ Pass  
Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

East's double was of course based on the hope that her partner held considerable strength in clubs; West opened the four of spades. Declarer won with the Ace in dummy and laid down the King of clubs. West stayed off. Declarer played the deuce of clubs. West won with the Ace and now led the eight of spades. Declarer

ruffed, drew trumps and now conceded a trick to East's King of diamonds, thereby making her contract for a top score.

If West had opened a diamond (which, incidentally, was the correct lead), the hand would have been set since her partner would have been able to give her a ruff.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ K Q 9 7  
♥ Q 4 2  
♦ 9 7 3  
♣ 10 8 5

The bidding:

Jacoby Maier You Schenken  
1♥ Pass (1)

ANSWER: Your correct response is one spade. If partner bids two spades, two hearts or one notrump, you pass.

Score 100% for one spade, 60% for one notrump or two hearts, 20% for pass.

### QUESTION NO. 286

Merwin Maier is your partner today. Both side are vulnerable and you hold:

♠ Q 10 x x x  
♥ J x  
♦ K x x x  
♣ A x

The bidding:

Maier Maier Schenken You  
1♠ Pass Pass (1)

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Gringly 61; McKie 31.  
Hill 65; Grimes 17.

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The following have been chosen to represent Y.M.C.A. in their friendly hockey game to-morrow:

Firsts v. Rajputana Rifles (Home) 4.15 p.m.  
V. M. Benwell (Capt.); L. Pennington, P. Perry; G. Kempton, R. A. Bates, A. Austen; D. T. Smith, C. Gemmell, E. Fowler, M. Dunne, L. Coombe.  
Seconds v. Combined Hospitals (U.S.R.C.) 4.15 p.m.  
C. Clegggett; S. Killean, P. Grant; H. Smits, G. Tomlinson, A. Rix; L. Mace (Capt.); R. Dormer, D. Spare, A. N. Other; C. Baavan, Umpire R. Banks.



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The Undersigned have received instructions from the Liquidators to sell by Public Auction on

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On View from Thursday, the

23rd. November, 1939

Terms: Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 21st. Nov., 1939.

**HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION**

Authorised Capital ..... \$50,000,000  
Issued and Fully Paid-up ..... \$20,000,000  
Reserve Funds:—  
Sterling ..... £ 6,500,000  
Hong Kong Currency Reserve \$10,000,000  
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$30,000,000

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Hong Kong, 25th February, 1939.

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**FOR THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

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KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager

**HONG KONG HEIGHTS**

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the island and Mainland is published:—

Island	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1822
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1724
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Tram Station	1306
Taikeo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (Hikarada)	807
Mainland	Feet.
Taiwan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1825



# MAGNETIC MINES INVENTED 31 YEARS AGO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

GERMANY IS PROBABLY using magnetic mines, of the type which were invented in 1908 by a Swede, Dr. Bergstroem, the "Social Demokraten" reports.

Dr. Bergstroem told the newspaper that his mine, moored deep below the surface, rises only when attracted by a passing ship.

The invention was patented in Stockholm and Berlin in 1909.

## ITALY DOES NOT DOUBT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Commenting on the naval features of the war, the Mussolini newspaper "Popolo d'Italia," declares that only mines laid by German submarines could possibly have been responsible for recent neutral losses.

It is pointed out that no accident has ever occurred before on Britain's "safety routes," thus proving that the British mine barrage conforms to international regulations. — Havas.

Mr. K. S. Kjaer, of No. 5, Peak Mansions, was fined \$5 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for leaving his car unattended in Chater Road near St. George's Building.

Direct evidence of German laying of mines by aeroplanes in shipping channels was obtained in the Thames Estuary during Wednesday night when German bombers were seen flying low over the water about 100 yards from the banks.

### SIZE OF FOOTBALL

They were seen to drop objects about the size of footballs, and investigation revealed that they contained high explosive of special type, extremely effective against small craft and dangerous to larger vessels.

It is stated in London that measures are already being taken to combat the new menace, and the Danish press in Copenhagen publishes a report that the Allies are building a new type of mine-sweeper capable of dealing effectively with magnetic mines. — Havas.

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Bucharest, To-day.

It is now learned that King Carol has entrusted M. Tatarescu with the formation of a new Rumanian Government.

It had previously been incorrectly reported that M. Tatarescu had already formed a Cabinet. — Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

A French fishing vessel was sunk by a U-boat in the Atlantic yesterday, according to a Spanish message to the official German news agency. The crew were rescued by a Spanish fishing-boat. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The wife of Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, has left Germany for Brazil, according to a broadcast by the German Freedom Station.

The announcer declared that one after another the wives of leading Nazis are leaving the country.

Frau Goering, wife of the Air Minister, who has gone to Switzerland, has been visited by Frau Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister's spouse.

The wife of Baron von Neurath, the Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, has also gone abroad. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that when seven enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday by the R.A.F. in France, there were no casualties to R.A.F. personnel, but two machines were damaged. — Reuter.

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day.

Brief reports this morning state General Pai Chung-hsi has instructed the military authorities at Nanning to withdraw to other prepared positions to avoid unnecessary sacrifice of manpower. The occupation of Nanning, it was stated, will prove of no military value to the Japanese. — Our Own Correspondent.

Paris, To-day.

It is learned that another German plane was brought down yesterday morning in north-eastern France. — Reuter.

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